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Dear brothers & sisters,

With the increase of COVID-19 cases in all of our local counties many institutions are examining ways to go forward safely for those in their immediate and extended communities. We have been doing the same at Mountville Presbyterian Church. The Session has decided to postpone all in-person small group meetings and Son Seekers for the foreseeable future beginning on November 20, 2020. Our hope is that we are able to contribute to lowering the high community spread numbers of the virus. Officer meetings will be permitted to continue, and we ask that everyone maintain the physical distancing requirements of at least six feet.

We will continue to gather in-person for Sunday morning services at 10:30 a.m. We strongly encourage the wearing of masks during this time. Every person is asked to maintain physical distancing of six feet at the service as well. We will continue to livestream our services to make them available to those that need them.

I know all of us have been living under a great deal of stress this year and have grown weary of these times. This is a season for us to continue to come together in grace and unity in the Holy Spirit with a recognition of the uniqueness of these times. The Corinthian Church was saddled with many challenges that Paul addressed in two different letters. In light of this, I think it is interesting Paul ended his second letter to the Corinthians by calling them to be active participants in working towards unity and building each other up. "Finally, brothers and sisters, rejoice! Strive for full restoration, encourage one another, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you" (2 Corinthians 13:11). I find it comforting that the giving of encouragement and living in peace would cause them to experience the peace and love of God. May the gracious Lord continually give us strength and wisdom to love each other well during this time we all so desperately need it.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Patrick Keeley

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