



**Thomson
First United
Methodist Church**

Aflame with the fire of God

August 6, 2020

Dear Thomson FUMC Family,

As you know, the current COVID-19 pandemic has markedly affected our community in the last two weeks. While we have vigilantly implemented and practiced recommended safety protocols since the initial reopening, some of our staff members have recently experienced either symptoms or tested positive for COVID-19.

To ensure our church community's public health, we have consulted with our medical team, church lay leaders and public health experts. The collective consensus from these groups is that we are to suspend in-person worship until after Labor Day. Effective immediately, church staff will resume a work-from-home schedule and Sunday worship services will move to **ONLINE ONLY**.

We will constantly monitor developing data and health statistics in our community and region to determine resumption of in person worship.

Please continue to pray for our community, our members and our staff. Practice personal safety measures: avoid large groups, wear a mask around others, maintain 6 feet from others and wash hands often.

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