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Dear First Church Family,

Believe it or not, Easter has come and gone. Wow. That was quick, huh? The great news is that even though we missed being together on April 12th, the reality and truth of Easter is EVERLASTING! I hope you are allowing the resurrection to inspire you to take the step we talked about in online worship. I am excited to hear that some of you are! *Please remember*: you can call me at the church number above and leave a message in my voicemail box or email me at ed@fumctr.com, anytime. I would love to speak with you. The prayer chain is also available for prayer concerns/joys at office@fumctr.com or the church office phone number.

In this weekly email update, let me share some vital information with you...

1. This morning, our **Bishop, John Schol**, was on a Zoom Call (telecommuting) with Wes, myself and some other FUMCTR leaders. He wanted us to convey his thanks to First Church for her faithfulness in these uncertain times. The Bishop is praying for us, excited about the ministry we are doing in this pandemic and offered us the help of the GNJ Annual Conference should we need it.
2. Please contact Linda Snuffin at lins08722@yahoo.com or 732-341-8325 if you are interested in helping **sew much-needed masks**.
3. **IT IS STILL IMPORTANT** that **EVERYONE** is getting the information in these **weekly emails**. If you know of anyone who has an email address and is not receiving these updates, contact the office at office@fumctr.com – If you know of someone without an email address, please pass this information to them.
4. Please continue to **forward** our **online worship** to as many people as possible! And remember to **press the LIKE button on our Facebook page** so you are notified when we post a video. Forward all of our services to as many people as you know. There were 3,500 views for Easter worship online!
5. **Personally, I am so grateful** for your faithfulness to this ministry. Your continued regular giving is helping First Church make a difference. Just last week, we were able to house a family for a week and provide groceries for some folks who needed a hand. And because of a special gift, we will be reaching out to 1,100 households near the church property with a direct mail campaign. The recipients will be invited to worship online with us and then, when this is all over (and it **WILL BE OVER!**), come meet us at our 9am or 10:30am worship services in person! You are making a difference...thank you with all my heart!

“Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever! Amen.”

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