

Hello Asbury People!

I attended church remotely on Sunday by following the link contained in Yohan's email. If you have not yet had the chance to look at that I encourage you to do so and to read his inspiring sermon as well as get caught up by looking at the announcements. After "church" Becky and I took advantage of a beautiful sunny day, stopping at parks in Pawtuxet Village and Salter Grove, and enjoying God's creation. While we were enjoying our "field trip" I got an email message from one of our Finance Committee members wondering if we should remind people that we could be in trouble financially if people don't have a way to make their pledges and donations. She was right, and I promised to compose a message to all of you about that.

Even if we can't physically be at church we need to continue to meet our obligations - salaries, insurance coverages, utilities, Mission Shares, etc. Most of us support the church financially by using paper checks. That remains an option, because the Church Office will remain open and we will continue to make deposits, so feel free to mail your pledges/contributions to Asbury UMC, 143 Ann Mary Brown Drive, Warwick, RI 02888. We have an incredibly talented Church Secretary in Celeste Leal, and a dedicated group of Stewards led by Dianne Pratt who are meticulous in recording and attending to collections and doing so with the utmost discretion.

For those of you who are currently giving electronically, please continue to do that. If any of you would like to use or explore electronic giving, I would encourage you to go to the following site:

<https://www.asburyumcri.org/giving>

Tim and Cami Webb have done a terrific job with keeping our web site current. When you go to the "Giving" tab on the web site you will be shown two options for electronic giving. One will let you use your smart phone to scan a QR code and follow instructions; the other will bring up a form that you can follow to make a gift or pledge.

These are difficult times. I pray that you all stay aware of local and national developments and heed the advice of medical professionals. One of the reasons that Becky and I did our field trip today was that there are medical benefits to getting fresh air and sunshine. I leave you with a couple of our adventure photos!

Be well and let the Church Office know if you need assistance with any personal matters. You are also invited to call the church office (401-467-5122) or me (401-781-2111) if you have questions about payments. Together, with faith in God, we will get through this.

Blessings, *Lee*

Lee Arnold, Finance Chair

