

IN TOUCH

I'M NOT A PESSIMIST

Dear Friend:

I'm not a pessimist, but what if COVID-19 never goes away? It's possible you know...actually, it is probable. MERS and SARS are forms of Coronaviruses and they've been with us for decades, no known vaccine has been found. (A good source tells me) Coronavirus and Influenza A & B are both viruses – though in very different families. At this point with no vaccine to slow it down COVID-19 is much more contagious, appears to have higher morbidity rate among those over 70, and transmission is not yet completely understood. HIV is a virus for which there is no vaccine, and we have lived with that reality for decades.

We all pray to God that a COVID-19 virus is found very soon but even if it is, I think we need to face the fact: it will never completely go away in the world unless everyone in the world is vaccinated. It spreads so rapidly and is so powerful it is going to be near impossible to eradicate. What are we to do? Is the new normal permanent masks, social distancing and virtual or hybrid education? I do not think so. I am an optimist – I think we have to “get on” with our lives. Maybe it will take a vaccine but I believe sooner or later we will get back to the “old” normal. Schools back to normal, no face masks and we can handshake and hug again. Will you “hang in there” until then? Will you go on in hope? Will you go on with your life? Do not let COVID-19 control you and do your part to control COVID-19.

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Mike

Prayer: Dick Hickernell (cancer on tonsils), Stan Eller, Marie Hyatt, Scott Ward

Events: Sunday, September 20, 10:00 am Worship with New Albany Presbyterian Church @ the Shelter House, bring a lawn chair. Sunday, September 27 WE RETURN TO 10:15 worship time AND Ethan Hutchinson will bring a concert and lead us in worship. October 4, 9:00 a.m. Sunday School class: Revelation