

## BASCOM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH – 5660 WEST TIFFIN STREET – P.O. BOX 318 – BASCOM, OH 44809 – 419-937-2578

I want to thank you for being a partner in the ministry and mission of Bascom United Methodist Church. Your ongoing financial contributions are making a difference in the lives of many people. You know what matters in life, and through your giving, you are sharing that with others and reaching them with the Good News of Jesus Christ.

As of the writing of this letter, West Ohio Conference Bishop Gregory Palmer has requested that all conference churches not meet in congregational worship through at least Easter Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>. We are currently transitioning to new ways of supporting each other and worshipping together as we practice social distancing. Sermon videos will be placed on our Facebook page each Sunday as well as a daily devotion video. We will also be listing our prayer concerns on Facebook. Pastor Dean understands that not everyone has a Facebook account and is working with our website manager in order to place messages on this platform also.

During this time, the financial obligations of the church have not diminished. Bills are still coming due, just as they are in your households. We simply do not have the financial resources to meet these obligations for an extended period. At this time, we are asking those of you that retain the financial capability continue to support the church by mailing your gifts to the church post office address until we are able to meet in community again.

God is truly working through us and the things we do to accomplish positive change in the world. Every time we give, that gift becomes ministry and mission. Please keep our congregation in prayer as we move together toward discerning what gifts we can contribute during these challenging times.

Again, thank you for your part in the life changing work of this congregation. Generously yours,

**Ed Smith**Ed Smith, Administrative Chair

**Dean Durant**Pastor Dean Durant