

## *Greetings, in the name of Jesus Christ!*

*“When peoples care for you and cry for you, they can straighten out your soul.”*

*Langston Hughes*

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**“My soul has longed for your salvation; I have put my hope in your word.”** Psalm 119:81

This Weekly Letter includes a poem written by Dartmouth graduate and current Episcopal Bishop of New Hampshire, The Rt. Rev. Robert Hirschfeld. The current thought-provoking social unrest and opportunities for personal reflection offered by COVID-19 have led many, like Bishop Hirschfeld, to re-evaluate much in our culture that far too many of us so frequently take for granted.

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### **“A caution for when we re-open for in-person worship”**

While we await approval of our planned, reduced seating In-Person Worship, we also want to remind each member of our St. Thomas community that any worship attendance should be viewed as strictly voluntary. Once we provide the opportunity for In-Person Worship, we also intend to provide an online video of some or all of the service to those members who do not attend. We hope that if you do choose to attend that it is because you have been carefully self-isolating/quarantining so that you do not inadvertently expose other members. Additionally, only you know your medical situation and concerns and only you can evaluate whether you should attend in-person or not.

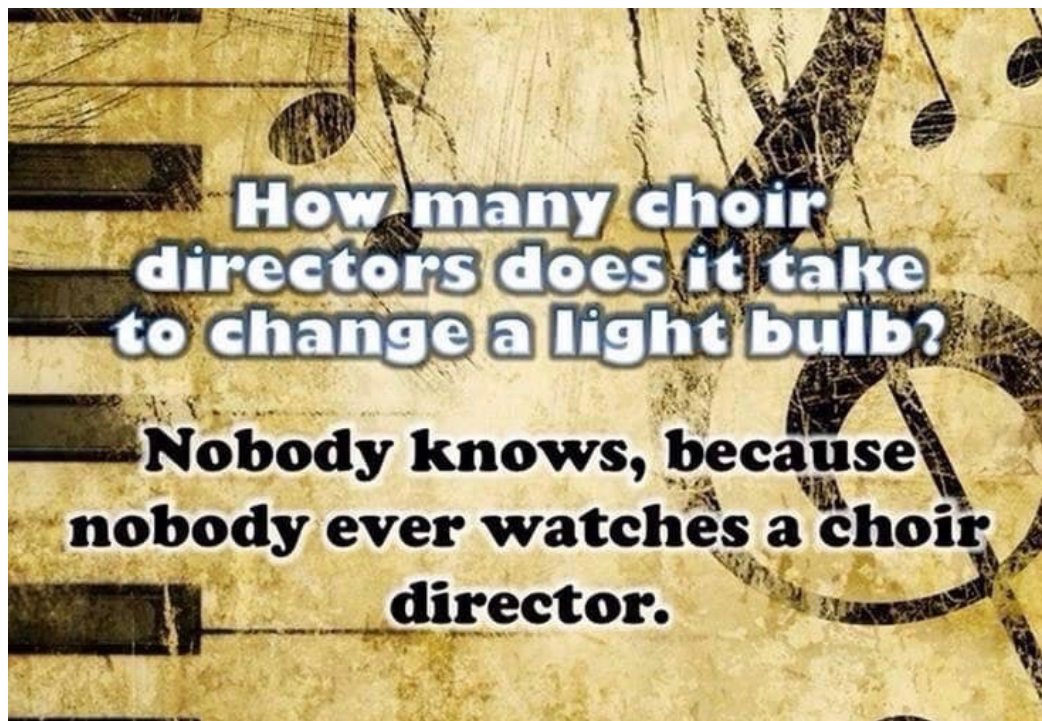
And, of course, once we are able to open for In-Person Worship: you must not attend if you have a fever, flu-like symptoms, persistent cough, or COVID exposure.

Additionally, once In-Person Worship is approved, that does not mean that In-Person Worship might not be rescinded! Should there be a cumulative increase of cases and hospitalizations in our Rappahannock-Rapidan Health District or should a member of our worshipping community contract the COVID virus, we will again cease all In-Person gatherings.

***Please follow our Website for current information about in-person worship.***

***The Finance Committee GREATLY appreciates those who have continued to mail-in or Drop-off their Church Pledges or Donations. We are currently working on an online PayPal Account that will be posted on our Church Website for your additional convenience.***

*A Little Coronavirus Humor:*



*This one's just for you, Bill Drake!*



**A Little Trivia for Fans of Music**

**from the 1970's: (you may have to research this one)**

