## No Collection Plates? What do I do Now?

We have often heard it said, "What a small world we live in" or "What a crazy world we live in." The coronavirus has shown us just how true both statements are. When have you ever heard our ministers say, "Stay home" or "...no collection plates will be passed."?

However, even if our worship services are being abbreviated, the church offices are open and the cost of church operations are not being suspended or canceled. Our vendors still want to be paid. The power company wants to be paid and our great staff wants to be paid.

It's a time for us to take ownership in our church. Remember that among our membership vows to our church is to faithfully participate in its ministries by our prayers and our gifts.

Therefore, I am asking that you not forget your church just because you may not be attending a worship service. You can mail your tithe and offerings to the church (3470 Woodridge Drive, The Villages, FL 32162). Another option is to sign up for Online Giving by going into the "Portal" on the church's web site, **ncumcfl.com**. App Giving and Text Giving is also available. Call Marissa (352-750-4529) in the church office for instructions.

The health of our members is important, as is the financial health of our church.

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