

Update - March 19, 2020 - On behalf of the WCCC Leadership Team

As the COVID 19 situation continues to unfold, WCCC has cancelled all public gatherings at the church until further notice. This is in compliance with government requirements, with the goal to protect our families and community from exposure to the virus.

Plans are underway to broadcast a weekly worship service, starting this Sunday, March 22. Please stay tuned for more information as it becomes available in the next couple of days.

"Social distancing" and "self-isolation" have become the buzzwords for this present time - as ways to keep the COVID virus from spreading. However, isolation and distancing are contrary to what the church is to stand for. We are called to fellowship together; to be in community; to be of one body. Even before the present crisis came into effect, we know that loneliness and separation are issues that have caused a lot of pain in our society, as well as within the church.

So we are challenged to find ways to remain connected; to support one another; to be in fellowship - without risking one another's health. I encourage you to be in contact with others. Send an email or text to someone you haven't spoken to in a while. Social media is often blamed for some of society's problems, but you can also use it to share and speak with those who matter to you most. Or better yet, pick up the phone so you can hear each other's voice, offer encouragement and care. Keep in touch with your small group if you are part of one, and find ways to be in contact. I suggest that it is still appropriate to get together in small gatherings, perhaps a couple of families, as long as you practice the guidelines of safe hygiene. Consider meeting with someone on Sunday to do "house church" together.

**Hebrews 10: 24-25** *And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another - and all the more as you see the Day approaching.*

As well, we recognize that the present circumstances are likely to cause additional stress (physical, emotional, spiritual and financial) to many persons and families. Please remember that you may contact our elders and deacons for help or support at any time.

I urge you to continue to pray. Pray for one another, for our church, for our community, for our health care workers, for our country and for our broken world.

Gary Barnes,  
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