

Saturday, March 14, 2020

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

After reviewing information, including our city and state government recommendations, school closures, etc., and much discussion by your church council, we made decisions that we felt were addressing the coronavirus pandemic within our church and community. Did we like them all? No!

Then a few hours later, as I was getting ready to write you about those decisions, we learned there are now **two positive coronavirus cases that have been announced in St. Clair County.**

As you know, our Faith family has many members who fall within the vulnerable high risk group due to health conditions and/or age.

This is a very fluid environment right now and requires much flexibility on our part. So, we are putting the following into effect immediately (March 15 – 31):

- No formal worship services (Sunday morning or Wednesday nights)
  - Pastor Candice will be recording Scripture Readings and Sermons for the upcoming Sundays (which will be posted on Faith's website and Facebook)
- No small group meetings
- No Community Meals

During this difficult time, we would like to encourage all to call and check on your Faith family, check on your elderly neighbors, etc. If someone needs help or pastoral care, please call the church office which is planning on remaining open, at this time.

To be able to continue to provide help to our members and neighbors, we would like to encourage you to maintain your tithing even during the midst of this "social distancing." Please prayerfully consider:

- Mailing in your offering
- Dropping it off at the church office during regular office hours
- Giving online:
  - Go to the Faith's website: [faith-online.org](http://faith-online.org)
  - Click on the Online Giving tab and it will walk you through the process
- NOTE: We anticipate that there will be financial needs from our Faith family and community during this time. If you can do so, a special gift to the Love Fund would be greatly appreciated.

Please watch the weekly reminders that are emailed as that is where you will find updates as this situation continues to unfold. Continue to pray for our Faith family, communities, leaders, patients, doctors, and nurses during this pandemic.

Please don't hesitate to contact me, if you have any questions (618-593-3725 cell; or [jgvande@att.net](mailto:jgvande@att.net)).

Blessings 'n peace,

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