

Thursday, March 12, 2020

SUBJECT: Important Information About Canceled Sunday Activities Sunday, March 15

Christ Church family,

Amid growing concerns regarding the spread of COVID-19, your Servant Leadership team has decided to close our building on Sunday and **cancel all Sunday, March 15 activities**. While we all certainly want to gather together and praise our God, we have a community to care for. Next to connecting people to Jesus Christ, the overall safety and well-being of anyone who enters our church building on Sunday is of paramount concern to us.

We will offer a worship experience through our livestream at 11:15 am Sunday. This worship will be led by staff with no congregation. It is very simple to join the livestream. From your smart phone, tablet, computer or TV, just go to www.ccum.net/live at 11:15 am. We will also stream live on our [Facebook page](#) and our [YouTube](#) channel. We encourage you to make your offering via mail or [online](#).

Though we won't be together physically, we will be together by the power of the Holy Spirit as we join the [livestream](#) together!

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

As of right now, other events scheduled at Christ Church will proceed as planned. We will let you know if additional events are canceled.

PRECAUTIONS

There are a number of populations that are at particular risk from COVID-19. These people should avoid large gatherings:

1. People older than 60
2. Those with compromised immune systems
3. Those with respiratory health issues
4. Those fighting any other sickness or disease
5. Caregivers to those that are part of an at-risk population
6. Those exhibiting any symptoms of COVID-19 (fever, cough, shortness of breath) or those living with someone exhibiting symptoms

We will continue to monitor new information from the [World Health Organization](#), the [CDC](#) and governmental authorities and will communicate with you as warranted. Please help us get the word out about Sunday's cancellation by reaching out to your church friends.

We love you and urge you to make wise decisions in the coming days. As our governor shared in an interview today, "This won't be our forever. This is just our near future. If we take significant action now, it can have the type of impact we need to address this virus. If we wait too long, significant actions won't have as big of an impact." I will be praying for you all as we move through this evolving situation together.

*God of the present moment,
God who in Jesus stills the storm
and soothes the frantic heart;
bring hope and courage to all
who wait or work in uncertainty.*

*Bring hope that you will make them the equal
of whatever lies ahead.*

Bring them courage to endure what cannot be avoided,

*for your will is health and wholeness;
you are God, and we need you.*

-Adapted from New Zealand Prayer Book, p. 765

Blessings,
Becki