

***“God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in times of trouble.” Psalm 46***

Hello Everyone,

March 12, 2020

It is a crazy time and a scary time for all of us. The COVID-19 virus is extremely contagious and several times more dangerous than the flu. That being said, our Southern New England Conference Ministers have been looking at all the information from the Centers for Disease Control and other medical experts to give us all the best advice possible. They have asked us to close down for the next two weeks (Now – March 22) in order to help stop the spread of the virus. They have also said if we have small congregations, we can meet if we use good hygiene, stay 6 feet apart, and have no coffee hour.

After speaking with other church and community leaders, as of this moment, this is what I plan to do:

- We will **not** have church on Sunday March 15 or March 22 **BUT** as long as I am not ill, I will be here on those Sundays from 10:00am-noon if you want to come to pray or talk or just get away from the news.
- The scheduled Trustees meeting is canceled.
- The Special Meeting scheduled for March 22, is now postponed until a later date to be determined as we know more.
- If all goes well, we will resume Worship on March 29, Doing Sunday! What a celebration I hope that will be.

Please keep watching your email for any updates as they arise. You can also watch our Facebook page or website. Please also know that I am available if you need to talk with me during this time, my phone number is 203-910-2543. Know that I am praying for all of you: for health, for calm, for patience, and for answers to this major event.

Blessings,

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