



Bucyrus United Methodist Church

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

By now most of you have been notified that Bishop Tracy S. Malone, our East Ohio Conference Bishop, has instructed the churches in our conference to cancel public worship services from now through March 27th. She has taken this unusual step to protect and care for the health and wellbeing of our faith community. It is our intention to follow her lead and do all we can to keep all of you safe from this Coronavirus disease as much as we can. Our actions are done out of our love for all of you.

I know there are a lot of questions and I want to answer as many as possible. Hopefully this letter will do so. We will resume worship services on Sunday, March 29th as scheduled at 8:30 and 10:30. Until then:

- All church meetings are cancelled. This affects finance and administrative council who have not met yet. Should an emergency need arise we can meet via e-mail.
- All small groups are cancelled. This includes the Lenten Bible study, Grief support group, women's Bible studies, men's Bible study, Prayer Team, and Dream Team.
- All other church activities are cancelled. This includes all choir practices and youth group.

There are other things we are working out such as how to continue to serve the public through the clothing closet and the community meals while keeping the risk of contamination to a minimum. I would also note that funerals and funeral dinners would still happen as usual. If you have some need with the church office make sure you call and check to see if we are open that day as the staff may be working from home as they deal with children and grandchildren who have been placed in the need of care as the schools are closed.

We ask you to remember that these are trying times for all and to pray and do what you can and be understanding as we work through all the challenges we're being presented with. If you have any concerns or questions about any of this please don't hesitate to call us with them. We will do our best to keep you all updated through our e-mail, website, and Facebook as this

is an ongoing and changing event. Please call and check on one another as we are separated for a time and help our faith family through.

While we are closed we will be looking at how best to disinfect our buildings to help keep the virus at bay.

Until we can worship together again it's our intention to post the written sermon on the website each week so you can read it and we are discussing ways to video it for all of you. Please call any of the pastors with needs for pastoral care and prayer concerns. We also ask that you remember even though we are not having services we still need to meet our financial obligations so please continue your giving. There is a link on our website for electronic giving, you can mail your offerings to the church office, or you can hold on to them and bring them on the 29th. Please be faithful in this matter as you are in others.

Until we can see one another again May the Peace and Grace of Jesus Christ be with you all.

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