

Watch 9:30 am Live Stream; All Events Cancelled through March 31

March 13, 2020

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As you know, the coronavirus (COVID-19) is a highly contagious flu-like virus that is spreading rapidly throughout the world and the United States. While the risk of becoming seriously ill or dying from the virus is very low, for some people -- especially the elderly and those who are already fragile -- it is potentially deadly. Since we are all capable of catching and then spreading the virus, it is important we take precautions to protect others and to avoid potentially overwhelming the health care system for those who require treatment and care. While there are currently very few cases in our area, there will inevitably be more, so we're taking proactive measures to protect the vulnerable members of our church and community, and to help prevent the further spread of the virus.

To that end:

- **We have suspended gathering for public worship for Sunday, March 15, 22 and 29, in addition to all in-person church activities and events. The building is CLOSED through March 31st.**

-- **We will offer a live-stream worship service Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m., broadcast LIVE from our sanctuary.** Pastor Spencer and Kelly LePenske will continue our sermon series, *Not a Fan*. Get comfy and experience worship in a whole new way! Log on to fpcmoorestown.org/live-stream from any device.

-- The church office will be CLOSED March 18-31. Staff will be working remotely and are reachable by email and cell phone. We will monitor developments week by week and keep you informed of our plans for the weeks ahead based upon guidelines from the CDC. We will send regular updates via E-Blast, our website, and social media as we closely monitor recommendations provided by public health officials.

-- We will continue to provide pastoral care for anyone needing the support of the church. The staff and leadership, while taking the needed precautions, will be available to visit and care for our congregation in the same way we always have. I encourage you to reach out by phone to our members who live alone.

While these decisions may feel extreme to some, we know that God's Word calls us to work together for the common good (1 Corinthians 12:7). Jesus calls us to care for the most vulnerable in the community (Matthew 25:40). As those who belong to the Lord Jesus, we live without fear. Thus, we shun hoarding and all forms of fear-based thinking, speaking and living. We appreciate your ongoing support and prayers as we live courageously (Joshua 1:9) through this challenging season.

We ask you to remember financially the ongoing work of our church. Please consider using our [electronic giving option](#), even for a one-time gift. You can also mail your contribution to the church (101 Bridgeboro Road, Moorestown, NJ 08057). The work of the church continues, despite this national emergency. We are confident that God works for good in all things (Romans 8:28) because our God is Immanuel, God with us (Matthew 1:23).

Please reach out with any questions or let us know how we can serve you. Above all, pray. From a prison cell, Paul wrote to his fellow disciples in Philippi, *"Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."* (Philippians 4: 6, 7)

Gratefully Yours in Christ,

[Stuart H. Spencer](#)

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