

Good morning,

After another week of new guidance and an escalating situation across the country **the Board of Directors has decided to suspend in-person church activity until further notice, effective 3/18/2020.** In addition, we will be closing the Annex for all group use until official guidance eases restrictions.

I know this is a disappointing and perhaps frustrating decision for many, it is not one we arrived at lightly. In the end, it is our concern for the health and well-being of the most vulnerable, not only in the congregation but throughout the community, that prompted our decision.

In the meantime, we are exploring alternative options for fellowship, whether a simple conference call for a short devotional or even live-streaming the church service through either Facebook Live, Zoom or another platform. If you would like to help set this up, please let me know!

I'd like to reiterate the importance using correct sources, for COVID-19 updates and guidance, please refer to the VT Health Department:

<https://www.healthvermont.gov/response/infectious-disease/2019-novel-coronavirus>

We will send out more information for what to expect on Sunday morning in the next few days. In the meantime, I'd like to share some of the wisdom Chris Brosius passed on to the Board as we deliberated:

"I plan to use my time to love on my family and pray;

Pray for:

Comfort for those who are afraid
Healing for those who are sick
Wisdom for our government and leaders
Courage for our church.

'For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and love and sound mind.' 2Timothy 1:7

Keep our eyes on Jesus, read God's word and play worship music!"

Love you all,

The Church Board