

Saturday, March 21, 2020

Dear Church Family,

Your church elders have been closely monitoring the situation surrounding the Coronavirus (Covid-19) and determined that it is necessary to take the following steps to protect the health of our congregation while the country deals with this pandemic.

Many of our members are in the age range where they would be impacted by this disease. Other members could be carrying the virus with no personal effect and unknowingly pass it on. The leaders have made the following decisions to protect our church members due to the uncertainty of how the coronavirus is spreading.

**As of today, all in-person worship services, Bible classes, and activities have been canceled or moved online.**

Tomorrow's full Sunday 11 AM worship service will be streamed over the Internet using the church's Livestream. A link to the Livestream worship service is located on the homepage of the church website: **SWARTZCREEK.NET**.

The Sunday service will include all acts of worship: singing together, praying together, partaking of the Lord's Supper, a collection from the saints, and preaching from the Bible. This Livestream service will be recorded in its entirety and will be placed on the church website for use by those who are not able to view it live. This will be the process the congregation will use for worship until further notice by the elders.

The elders are encouraging anyone who does not have communion supplies to contact the church office to make arrangements to stop by and pick up a month of supplies. Please also contact the church office if you need assistance in getting the communion supplies, and we will plan to have them delivered to you. A member of the church should be at the building all week: **Regular Office Hours: Monday to Thursday 8 AM – 4 PM and Friday 8 AM-12 PM.** There is also a new contact form on the website that will allow you to request communion supplies. A link to this form will be located on the homepage of the church website and will send an email to the elders and deacons who will work to provide the communion supplies to you.

The elders want to encourage each of you to continue in your personal and family Bible studies while we cannot meet in person. We encourage you also to use the new contact form if you would like assistance with material to assist you with a home Bible class. We are working on setting up virtual Bible classrooms in the event the respective teachers are comfortable with using online tools to teach. Please reach out to your Bible class teacher to show your support if you are interested.

We are encouraged to hear that you are calling each other and checking in on each other. This is vital for the church. Please continue to be prayerful for each other, your neighbors, and those making decisions directly related to this virus. We have members who are working in the medical field dealing with this every day.

Feel free to contact any of the elders or deacons if you have questions, concerns, or suggestions. Updates from the elders will be posted on the church website: [swartzcreek.net](http://swartzcreek.net).

Your fellow-servants in Christ,

Clarence, Paul, Mark