

We want to let you know how we, the staff at Woodburn Christian Church, are doing in response to constantly changing conditions and recommended limitations and mandatory restrictions concerning the COVID-19 (commonly referred to as the coronavirus).

First, we do not want to respond in fear (I John 4:18), but with wisdom and knowledge (I Corinthians 2:12). We place our faith and trust in God and desire to walk faithfully in His steps. That is not to say that we wish to test God's grace (Matthew 4:5-7) and act irresponsibly. We want to follow reasonable guidelines and protect those whom God has placed under our care.

Second, we want to respect government agencies who are placed on earth for our protection (Romans 13:1-5). We desire to observe guidelines suggested by the Center for Disease Control (CDC) along with federal and state mandates as our government leaders determine actions to limit our exposure to this spreading virus.

Third, we want to continue offering church services and activities without interruption for those wishing to attend as long as it conforms to government restrictions and follows health guidelines.

Fourth, we wish to respect individuals who choose to limit their exposure by staying away from church services and activities. However, we do want to know how you are doing and wish to keep in contact with you.

With those principles guiding us, we have committed ourselves to the following activities.

1. Daily we will be cleaning common use areas with disinfectant, wiping down door handles, light switches, countertops, and other surfaces which are commonly touched by individuals.
2. We will sanitize and clean bathrooms daily.
3. We will wipe down tables and chairs each morning after they are used.
4. Refreshments will be served from behind the kitchen counter to avoid contamination. Volunteer servers will be instructed on the best practices in serving food.
5. Common meals on Sundays and Wednesdays will be suspended until further notice.
6. The Greeting Time during the service will be suspended until further notice.
7. Name tags will be temporarily put away.
8. We will be finding alternative ways to serve communion and taking up offering.

We do encourage everyone to follow guidelines for safe hygienic practices. The CDC is strongly recommending regular thorough washing of hands, covering coughs, avoiding those who are coughing, staying at home when not feeling well, and practicing "social distancing" when in large crowds.

As we go forward, we want you to know that we continue to love and care for our congregation and desire to serve you. We will make ourselves available to you if you wish a minister or elder to visit with you or pray with you, even if it's just a phone call. We are committed to sharing God's love, grace, and compassion with our congregation.