



First United Methodist Church

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Dear First Church Family,

The news, recommendations, and cancellations surrounding the COVID-19 coronavirus are constantly evolving, but late yesterday afternoon PA Governor Tom Wolf released a request that groups of 250 people or more not meet in large public gatherings for 14 days. After receiving this news, I've been in conversation with several local pastors in our community who told me their churches plan to cancel Sunday's services. Based on that input, we've decided to cancel services for this Sunday, March 15. Unless there is a change in the governor's recommendations our services next Sunday, March 22, will be cancelled as well.

We are planning to video record a worship service for this Sunday, which will be posted on our website and Facebook page. We encourage you to access the recording and worship Sunday morning in your home.

This decision will include the postponement of our Mission Meal and Alpha Gathering on Sunday, and the cancellation of all activities on Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday.

At our staff meeting on Tuesday we'll be discussing further plans for our ministries going forward.

I encourage you to pray with us that the spread of the virus will quickly be contained and those who have contracted the virus will return to health and strength. Pray also for wisdom and discernment for leaders in government, business, education, and churches. Finally, pray for our nation - that rather than embracing fear, people would turn their hearts toward God during this crisis.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Denny

Opening Doors with Christ, One Another and Our Neighbors