

Important News Regarding a Return to Online Worship and Suspension of In-Person Worship

As many of you know, the number of COVID-19 cases in Adams County continues to increase. While we have had no reported cases with our church, we received notice from the Adams County Health Department on August 3, 2020, asking churches throughout Adams County to strongly consider suspending in-person worship services, effective immediately. Our goal has always been to “do no harm.” So, with the recommendation of our Emergency Preparedness Team, and the agreement of our Administrative Council chair and Lay Leader, **we are offering online worship only, effective immediately, until further notice. We also ask that access to the church for other purposes be limited.**

Given this recommendation, please expect the following to take place:

- **Online Worship.** A return to online worship occurred on Sunday, August 9. Pre-recorded videos are posted to [YouTube](#), our [online worship page](#) at our website, and announced through our [Facebook](#) page. An interactive, Zoom Worship gathering will occur at 9:00 am each Sunday at our regular service time. Printed copies of sermon manuscripts (for weeks when Pastor Nancy brings the message) will still be available for pick up or mailing. Please make sure to register your attendance at our online worship page.

You can join by computer or mobile device:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83501444338?pwd=QVplcnFGSmI5cDExL2hJSEY5YUlkUT09>

Meeting ID: 835 0144 4338

Passcode: available upon request

Or, you can join by landline or mobile phone:

Dial 312 626 6799

Meeting ID: 835 0144 4338

Passcode: please request

- **Building Access.** You can still drop off or pick up items at our front entrance but please know that building access is somewhat limited. Meetings of smaller groups in a socially-distanced format is permissible.
- **Prayer.** Regarding prayer needs, you can still call those in, email them, or submit them through our [website](#).
- **Giving.** For weekly tithes/offerings, we ask that you once again consider mailing those in. They will be held in a safe and processed in a timely and confidential manner. Also, an option for giving online was recently approved. Stay tuned for details surrounding this additional method of supporting the ministries of Melrose Chapel.
- **Virtual Meetings.** The church has a Zoom account and is happy to schedule meetings for any groups within the church needing to connect with others during this time.

We know that these changes are not what we care to see, yet we are “being neighborly” when we show care for ourselves and others. We have mentioned several times that it is not the church that is being closed, just the building. We continue to proclaim the Word and do ministry in Jesus’ name. As always, we appreciate your cooperation and patience. If, during this time, you have other needs or suggestions, please reach out and let us know.

In God’s service,

*Rev. Nancy Wilson, Pastor
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