



Dear Hampton Family and Friends,

The growing concern over the CORONAVIRUS is dominating the headlines. We are prayerfully consulting with public health officials locally.

How do we balance facts and fear? On the one hand, public health officials do not want to contribute to a panic. Additionally, the CDC does not want to contribute to the spread of the Coronavirus which has no vaccine. So, out of an “abundance of caution,” we state the following:

The U.S. CDC is encouraging both older adults and people with severe chronic medical conditions to “stay at home as much as possible.” You can see the CDC guidelines HERE www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov

DAILY OPERATIONS: Unless conditions on the ground change, the church office remains open Monday-Friday for daily operations, with a greater sense of cleanliness since this virus is said to live longer on solid surfaces. We are also encouraging social distancing.

SUNDAY & WEDNESDAY MEETINGS: We will maintain our normal weekly worship schedule and encourage all members and friends to do what is best for themselves and the health of their families. If you are in a vulnerable group (see CDC link above) susceptible to this virus or have been traveling overseas, we encourage you and your family to make the decision about whether or not to attend services based on what you think is best for you and the health of your family.

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

“When I am afraid, I put my trust in you.” — **Psalms 56:3**

Cast all your anxiety upon Him, because He is concerned about you.” — **1 Peter 5:7**

COMMUNION: As you enter the building there will be men handing out individual prefilled communion juice cups and wafers in one convenient set. Communion will be moved to the end of services so you may put the disposable part in the trash cans located in the foyer as you exit. Evening communion will also be at the end of services. There will be men passing out the disposable sets at the appropriate time.

CONTRIBUTION: There will be contribution plates in the foyer for you to put your contributions in as you leave services.

The **congregational meeting** that was scheduled for Sunday, March 15, with the elders immediately following the evening services will be rescheduled.



CARE GROUP MEETINGS: Due to the timing of the health crisis, we feel that it is best to postpone our small group meetings until May.

God the Father has given us the freedom to make choices for health and hospitality for our church family and beyond. In this time of heightened awareness and anxiety here at home and across the globe, Jesus followers are called to remember that HE is sovereign over all things and to pray for the health and well-being of all our fellow human beings. In the meantime, let's relax and plan to worship HIM, through this crisis.

the Elders