

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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In order to comply with CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) recommendations there will be no Sunday services for the next four weeks. Our church leaders have chosen to cancel all programming for the next four weeks and reevaluate at the end of that time. The guidelines that we are receiving from our local, state and national leaders make it very clear that we should be practicing "social isolation" at this time.

During this time of "isolation" our desire is that no one in our community feels like they are alone in this struggle. We are suggesting that each of us make some sort of contact with at least two church members and two community members every week. This could be contact through a phone call, a text message, a card, a Facebook interaction or through any number of other social media tools. We are definitely encouraging each other to keep the church family and the community in our prayers during these trying times.

Our plan is to continue the sermon summary recordings each week and if we can make it work we will be doing some additional recordings as well. These recordings will be found at the Presbyterian Church website - upccia.org. Everyone is invited to take advantage of this resource.

We will do the best we can to keep each of our members informed and to stay in touch with each other. Our plan is to have regular communication with our members to share joys and concerns, to keep everyone updated on church news and to encourage each other during this time. This communication will be both paper mail and electronic mail. Please feel free to contact the church office (515-532-2709), Pastor Bill (515-293-2104) or Nancy (515-851-8335) if you have a specific joy or concern you would like us to pray for and we will add it to our list.

Please remember that for our church to operate we will need to collect our tithes and offerings. Contributions to the church can be mailed to your church or dropped off at the church office. Just a reminder that our church budgets are designed to be pretty trim already and any drop in donations will make it difficult to pay our bills.

Please, please, please - let your church know if there is something you need help with or something someone else in our community needs help with. Your church family is willing to help with physical, spiritual, emotional and/or mental health needs as we are able. Do not assume that someone else will "take care of this" situation of need. Your church family stands willing to help in whatever way possible. We exist for the community.

We are praying that we will all experience the peace and strength of God's Holy Spirit.

Pastor Bill