



## People of Messiah:

Like all of you, we remain stunned by the breathtaking measures we must collectively undertake to dull the advance of COVID-19. In less than two months, the world shifted from “business as usual” to upheaval. As people of faith, we turn to God for healing and guidance during these anxious days, and we turn to each other for companionship and comfort. The Messiah family - your family - will be at your side throughout this season of anxious waiting. That said, our congregation must temporarily adjust worship, service, and fellowship patterns to reflect the worldwide effort to curb the impact of Covid-19.

## Congregation council announces the following actions:

1. All activities and worship services are canceled effective Wednesday, March 18 through Tuesday, March 31.
2. Webcast sermons and musical offerings will be posted on the Messiah Facebook page and other digital outlets beginning this Sunday, March 22. Additional information about webcasts will be announced this Friday, March 20.
3. Messiah’s staff will work from home until March 31.
4. Pastor Michael will provide individual pastor care at Messiah on weekdays by appointment. He can be reached on his cellphone (803.582.8553) or email ([msherm1856@gmail.com](mailto:msherm1856@gmail.com)).
5. On Sunday mornings from 8 am until 11 am, Pastor Michael will offer a “drive up” ministry in the church parking area for those desiring communion and prayer. Parishioners will be asked to remain in their cars for this ministry.

While we must curtail congregational activities and worship for the time being, operational expenses continue. We encourage you to maintain your financial support of Messiah during these challenging days. Financial contributions to Messiah may be mailed to the church address or deposited in the offering plate that will be available in the parking area on Sunday mornings.

In addition to these congregation council actions, various Messiah groups continue to discern ways to support our most vulnerable adults. As these support ministries come on line, we will provide specifics and contact information.

Dear friends, we will emerge from these challenging times ready to fully reengage in the important work of the Church. Until that time of wholeness returns, may God grant us good health and peace.

Congregational Council