

Members and Friends of Flushing Presbyterian Church,

This is an unprecedented time for all of us, but now is the time to think of each other, to connect with each other and care for each other. Your FPC Session recently met to make some very difficult decisions. You are our #1 priority and we will do whatever it takes to ensure the health and safety of our members.

All churches within the Presbytery received an advisory statement from the Presbytery Council. This is the document that was used and referenced when these decisions were made. "The nature of this crisis suggests that the best thing we can do for the health and well-being of our neighbors is to act responsibly and proactively to reduce the spread of the contagion and to assist those who have special needs. The governor of Michigan has already declared a state of emergency and has already taken actions to restrict large gatherings (250+ persons). This order includes churches." The CDC, as of Monday morning, March 16, reduced the gathering limit to 50+.

These are the following actions that your session has decided are important to take:

- No worship services through April 5.**
- Suspend the use of our building to outside groups and activities until the state ban has been lifted.**
- Suspend all team/committee meetings through April 5.**
- Allow NO ONE in the church during office hours with the exception of the secretary, session members, clerk of session and essential services.**
- Suspend all internal church activities (choir practice, bell practice, Priscilla Circle, etc.) through April 5. Unfortunately, this also includes funeral services and funeral luncheons.**

These are unusual and challenging times. Please check your emails, our website or our Facebook page for updates. We will post links on our website and Facebook page of churches within our Presbytery that are live-streaming their Sunday morning worship services. If you have any concerns or special needs, feel free to reach out to any session member.

God is our refuge and strength. We are God's people, and God will lead us through this crisis together. Stay safe, care for one another and remember those who are in need.

In Christ's Fellowship,

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