

Dear Friends,

Let us update you on the good work Paoli Presbyterian Church is doing in light of the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak in our area. Like you, we have been following this developing story with concern. At this time, officials are not recommending the cancellation of Sunday church gatherings. Paoli Presbyterian Church will remain open and will continue to hold worship services and age-based programming.

As we said last week, we want to care for our congregation in all respects, including the physical well-being of our community. To that end, we are asking that we all work together to take precautions to keep everyone safe.

### **What We Are Doing**

- We have and will continue to rigorously clean the church facility on a regular basis, sanitizing highly touched surfaces such as doors, handles, light switches, tables, sinks, and so forth.
- Our staff and volunteers will wash their hands frequently and stay home if they are sick.
- There are Hand-Sanitizers in the coat closets in the back of the sanctuary, in every Children's Sunday School classroom, and various other locations throughout the church for everyone to use.
- Offering baskets will be located in the back of the Sanctuary so you can drop off your offering there rather than passing the plates from hand to hand, additionally you can **give online here**. (insert PushPay link)
- We are finalizing details to make video of our worship services and adult-education offerings available online for those who cannot attend. Once those links are ready, we will make that known. For now, audio content of all our sermons is available and updated every week. You can find those sermons here. (insert podcast link)
- **Out of an abundance of caution, we have decided to cancel One-Day VBS (April 8) and postpone Discovery Weekend (April 17-19) until a later date.**

### **What We Ask of You**

- Stay home when you are sick.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
- Pray. And don't panic. Our God isn't afraid of corona virus. So we don't need to fear either.

While we cannot control the spread or impact of the virus, we're doing everything possible to maximize the safety of our church, making it a safe place for all. Thank you for helping us do just that. If you have questions or concerns as we navigate this situation, please reply to this email. Your input is truly important to us.

Our vision, here at Paoli Presbyterian Church, is that we are "Ending Relational Poverty: inviting all people into transforming relationships with God through Jesus Christ and authentic relationships with one another." And let's be very clear: no virus can stop that good work. Let this be an opportunity for us, as a church body, to find the most creative ways possible to reach up to our God in worship and to reach out to our community in love. And let's see God use us in powerful ways to draw more people to Him.

In Christ's Love,

**Jonathan and Becca, Co-Pastors**