

Greetings from Church of the Good Shepherd!

What a week we have been through. Changes in the news every day with new restrictions... new challenges regarding the virus spreading across our state and nation.

Let me first remind you that we are praying for you as well as our community/nation/world as we try to navigate this season. Decisions that we make about not holding public worship services together, meeting as small groups, or being in mission to and with one another are centered on our desire to keep everyone safe and are an expression that everyone is valued by God.

With a desire that all those called to care for the physical needs of people in our community will have our support and encouragement, and with a desire to keep people as safe as possible, **WE WILL NOT BE HOLDING PUBLIC WORSHIP SERVICES ON EITHER SUNDAY MARCH 22ND OR MARCH 29TH**. There is a strong possibility that our restrictions may still continue into April, but the church council is taking steps week to week at this point and will meet again (in an online conference meeting) on Saturday the 28th to review the future needs and recommendations.

The message for this week is to be posted by the time of our 1st worship services tomorrow morning on our website. The difference this week is that there will not be music included nor the wrap-around worship liturgy/leadership. We cancelled our worship team's rehearsals this week to honor the requests of our community leadership to restrict gatherings. We are working right now at developing a new format for the 29th and any weeks that we may need to follow into the future using recording of some of our own people individually and then editing them into our presentation for Sunday mornings.

You can find the most up-to-date information from our church team leadership on our Facebook and Website pages.

www.umcogs.org

<https://www.facebook.com/umcogs>

Pastor Time each day Monday – Thursday when possible at 8AM and 6PM and Saturday at 1PM online with ZOOM. There is a link below to click on AND a link to get dial-in phone number (charges may apply if your phone doesn't have free long distance). Pastor Al will be in the office daily from 9AM – 2PM to receive your calls to talk, pray, share information, etc. These will not be confidential meetings as the conversations will be open to anyone on at the time. The Governor has declared that ministry is one of the essential businesses (though not our large gatherings) – so if you hear that the church is closed – it is only the distancing portion that is in force to keep you safe.

Calls made during office hours will be received in person. Calls going to voice mail will be checked during those hours as well as during off-hours and returned as soon as possible.

In addition – look for other opportunities on Facebook to sign up for a Bible Reading app program called Dwell.



If you are interested in a free ministry our church subscribes to for all of you called “Rightnow Media” It hosts hundreds of videos for families, children, marriage, ministry, Bible Study, etc. If you desire to sign up, click on the link: <https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Account/Invite/ChurchoftheGoodShepherdPA> and you will be able to sign in on our account.

The Finance Team is meeting via ZOOM on Tuesday to discuss plans for the church to adapt to the realities of not having combined worship. People can certainly send offerings by check in through the mail to the church if they desire, but the team will look at opportunities to give offerings on-line etc.



FOR THE MONDAY-THURSDAY 8AM CALLS: (For the 6PM Calls see below...)

Topic: Pastor Conversations

Time: Mar 23, 2020 08:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Every day, 4 occurrence(s)

Mar 23, 2020 08:00 AM

Mar 24, 2020 08:00 AM

Mar 25, 2020 08:00 AM

Mar 26, 2020 08:00 AM

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FOR PASTOR MEETINGS MONDAY-THURSDAY 6PM

Topic: Pastor Conversations 6PM

Time: Mar 23, 2020 06:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Every day, 4 occurrence(s)

Mar 23, 2020 06:00 PM

Mar 24, 2020 06:00 PM

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FOR PASTOR MEETINGS SATURDAY 1PM

Topic: Pastor Conversations

Time: Mar 28, 2020 01:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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