

Common Ground  
office@commongroundcov.org  
8355 Arroyo Vista Drive  
Sacramento, CA 95823  
P: (916) 689-3010



Dear Church Family,

As you may or may not be aware the California Governor, Gavin Newsome has encouraged California residents to “shelter-in-place” in determination to slow the spread of the COVID-19 virus. We value every one of you and want you to be safe; so therefore, **we will continue to suspend in-person gatherings, including our Sunday morning Worship service and small group meetings until the time in which the “stay-at-home” ordinances are lifted.** We realize this can be especially discouraging as we approach the season in which we usually gather to worship and celebrate the death and resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Although, it has been difficult to adjust to the reality of not being able to physically be with one another, I am encouraged by how our Common Ground family has continued to stay connected to one another. Whether it is a friendly text, an encouraging phone call, a “like” on social media, or a smile on Zoom, we have demonstrated that it is the love of Christ that binds us, not the proximity of a pew. I have never been so proud to be your Pastor.

As medical experts and government officials predict that the next few weeks are going to be extremely difficult for our country, I encourage us to be even more intentional about praying without ceasing, lifting one another up, and getting dressed daily in the full armor of God (Ephesians 6:10-18). I also remind you to practice self-care during this time. COVID-19 is impacting all of us in various ways, we all are in need of making adjustments, and are dealing with an array of emotions. Let’s be sure to extend the same grace to ourselves that we are extending to others.

The Pastoral and Staff Team has been prayerfully creating new ministry models to foster continued spiritual growth and connection. We are still united in serving and spreading the message of hope we have in Jesus Christ. We invite you to stay involved through various Zoom connections throughout the week, interacting with the Common Ground Weekly Connection

e-mail, subscribing to the Common Ground YouTube page, and following the Common Ground Facebook page.

Please note that we have adapted our system to continuously provide food in a safe manner to our community through our Common Ground Food Pantry that will remain open, Fridays 10am – 12 pm and Saturdays 9am – 11am.

Below are some upcoming events. We would love for you to join us:

- **April 5<sup>th</sup>** Prayer/ Communion 11am (Zoom)
- **April 5<sup>th</sup>- April 11<sup>th</sup>** Corporate time of prayer and fasting
- **April 6<sup>th</sup>-April 12<sup>th</sup>** Holy Week Devotional live 12:00 noon (Facebook)
- **April 5<sup>th</sup>-April 12<sup>th</sup>** Kids Holy Week Reading Time live 12:15 (Facebook)
- **April 10<sup>th</sup>** 7 Last Words Watch Party 7:00pm (Facebook)
- **April 12<sup>th</sup>** Resurrection Sunday Family Lunch Party 1:00 (Zoom)
- **April 16<sup>th</sup>**- Town hall Meeting (Zoom) 7:00pm

God continues to do amazing work through this ministry and we ask that you continue to join Him in that work by maintaining a spirit of generosity through cheerful giving to the ministry of Common Ground. You can give to the ministry the following ways:

- Mailing a check to 8355 Arroyo Vista Dr. Sacramento, CA 95823  
(The mail is checked and secured daily)
- Through our church app
- Via our website [www.commongroundcov.org](http://www.commongroundcov.org)

Let us continue to be the church God has called us to be. I personally cannot wait to see and hear how God moved in and through our church during this season.

*Joshua 1:9 “Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.”*