

Hey friends,

**So the long and short of it is we have decided to temporarily postpone all gatherings at the church, including Sunday Services.** Gatherings will probably be cancelled for a few weeks. Last night after the prayer service the Session voted to act in concert with the Governor's Order.

The Governor held a briefing today and spoke to the issue of public gatherings. The language the Governor used during the briefing was, "meetings of over 100 are banned." He, later in the briefing, exempted churches. He also declared that the k-12 public schools would begin a three week spring break this Monday, March 16. All their efforts are to limit social contact in the next few weeks so they can get ahead of this disease. For us to worship together on Sunday or gather for mid-week meetings, especially with vulnerable groups, would be to work against that obvious intent. We are within our rights to gather for worship, but doing so would place our members at risk, our more vulnerable members at significant risk, and would almost surely create community ill-will toward the church.

As mentioned in other communications we will continue with some kind of on-line service. We are working to make on-line video gatherings a possibility through a service/program called Zoom. We will provide details as they become available.

This is going to be a season of challenge and opportunity. We are going to strive to be highly engaged with the congregation through digital means. We will be uploading a video within hours. Please help us to get the word out.

Many thanks,

Greg

