

COVID-19 Update, March 27, 2020

Greetings Church!

As you are aware, COVID-19 is still impacting the way we go about our daily lives. We must continue to make changes in our routines for our safety and the safety of others.

Please review the following update as it relates to the Church and its response to the COVID-19 virus:

- As you know, the church previously cancelled all activities through March 29, 2020. **All activities are now cancelled through at least April 7, 2020.** This date coincides with announced public school closures. All church activities whether they are scheduled to meet in the building, on the grounds, or at another location are cancelled or postponed
- Until further notice, we ask you **do not stop by the church except by appointment**, even if you have a key to the door. This is a measure to protect the staff, since the virus can live for hours or days on surfaces. We are trying to keep the church clean and disinfected; that will be easier to accomplish if we eliminate traffic into the church.
- Any non-church function where a part of the facility or grounds was reserved for **private use is also cancelled** until further notice.
- Previously we encouraged you to meet in groups of ten or fewer people as you watched Pastor Jim's sermons. Since the PA Department of Health is recommending that people "do not host or attend gatherings" (there is no longer a group size included in that recommendation), at this time, for your safety and the safety of others, we ask you to consider **watching sermons with your immediate family only**. Yet we still strongly encourage you to call, Zoom, or Skype your church connections frequently. Reach out to someone who may need to hear from you even if they are not in your group of close connections. Stay in touch, build community.
- Even though we are not meeting regularly, church expenses continue. **Offerings have been significantly lower** the last few weeks. We ask you to consider navigating to the web page AllianceChurch.com/give to set up a one time or recurring gift of your tithe/offering or to mail your tithe/offering to the church. Further, we ask that **expenditures are approved by the Treasurer prior to spending funds** until further notice.
- **Continue to take care of yourself and others around you.** Stay home! Practice social distancing. Don't touch your face. Wash your hands frequently. If you or anyone in your household is ill, contact your primary care provider and follow their recommendations and do not leave your home unless directed to do so. Follow the government and your medical advisor's instructions. Pray for others in the congregation and in the community. Encourage those around you who might not be Christians. Let's seek to let the hope of Christ in us be seen even in these stressful days.

Until we meet again in person, we are "rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, and continuing steadfastly in prayer" (Romans 12:12 NKJV)

The COVID-19 Committee