



Gospel Community Church

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Hello to all the members of Gospel Community Church,

We are in a very unique time because of this virus and the social conditions that are resulting from it. It is affecting people in many different ways, our health, our finances, our emotions, our social life, to name a few. This is a storm, but one thing we have to hold on to, is God; He is still in control, and He will not leave us (you). We must work at posturing ourselves correctly. Much like the Israelites in the wilderness, who faced serious difficulties, (that were actually brought on by God), so they could experience His wonderful help and get to know Him better. Many times their response was disappointing. God wanted to display His care, but they would only focus on their present problem which resulted in worry and complaining causing them to miss the presence of God with them. Please take the time to PAUSE throughout the day. We as a Church have to spend some time with Him. Trust that He has got this. Hear what He has to say to you. Find the place where He talks to you. He may have a job for you to do, maybe to help someone else when you are still in need yourself. That is when His light shines the brightest. Read Romans 8:31-39. In verse 35 Paul asks, "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, (that would be a tough one), or danger, or sword." So, I would encourage you, and myself, to work at keeping our minds in the right ballgame. God will use this storm to make us ready and stronger for bigger storms where our light will be even brighter, because our nation needs to see God. To Know Him. He is awesome and wonderful!

Also, the leadership discussed sending out this letter to keep people somewhat informed, especially those without internet access. We are streaming our service online, some have been working very hard to make this happen. They have also developed a new website. You can find it on our website <http://gospelchurch-ny.org> and click on "Streaming" or go directly to <http://gospelchurch-ny.org/streaming/>. We plan on starting at 10:30 Sunday morning.

Also if there is someone who has a need during this time, we would like to be able to help each other. The church phone does not always have someone there to answer it, so you can call me, Bart at (518) 728-0312. Also, Linda and Al Gasparini have offered to handle any calls and their numbers are (518) 610-0520-Linda, (518) 947-9179-Al. If

you need something and stores are out of the item maybe someone else is stocked up on that particular item and would be willing to share or if you are not able to get out and shop someone may be willing to help in that way. Please let us know, we will send the word out. If you are available to drive (only those without the symptoms) (younger is better). But whatever your need we would like to help if we can. We could make DVD's of the service and mail or deliver it, only, to those who are not connected online. The IT crew would be happy to do it but you must call to say that you would want it. The crew will be attempting to stream services as long as we are not able to gather together.

We know this is a difficult time financially for many, so we are not pushing for you to give, but some are asking how they can do this and the following information will help with that. 1) You could mail a check to the church (use address on top of page 1). 2) The IT crew who have worked to put up the website have now enabled us to give online. You will have to go to the website and click the online giving. 3) If you use online banking you could have your bank send a check directly to the church (some people are already using this method), you could call Rob Savasta (518) 429-1001 if you want to know more about this method. Again I want to stress, we know this is a difficult financial time for some and we are only putting this information in here for those who are inquiring.

Please call me any time 518-728-1036.

Pastor Bart and the leadership of Gospel Community