



Kenmore United Methodist Church

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Dear Siblings in Christ,

As a community of faith, we are called to follow the teachings of Christ in caring for all members of our community with love, compassion, and wisdom. We are faced with caring for the spiritual and physical needs of our beloved congregation and communities as we respond to the spread of the Covid-19 virus (Novel Coronavirus). We pray for the many persons affected by this pandemic through illness, loss of employment/income, need for childcare, lack of physical contact, disruption of education, and the list goes on.

First, for your personal health and the health of those around you, please be vigilant in practicing proper hygiene and precautions by:

1. Washing your hands often and well;
2. Greet one another with a "Holy Wave," rather than a handshake or hug;
3. Cough or sneeze into a tissue or your elbow;
4. Practice "social distancing," keeping a reasonable distance between persons gathered in a room;
5. Stay home if you are not feeling well; and,
6. Limit food sharing.

With these precautions, **Kenmore U.M.C. will meet for worship and Christian Education on Sunday, March 15th**. And we will have our Community Meal with take-outs only. We will also have address lists for our church family members who are in nursing homes, rehab facilities, and are home bound. The facilities are closed to visitors, so we want to extend some special care by sending cards from the church family.

In the days ahead, I encourage you to watch for communications concerning changes in our church ministries and the community groups that we welcome to our building. We will communicate with folks through our e-prayer chain, email, the church's website and Facebook page, on local major network television stations, and through phone calls. IF we cancel on-site worship services, we will still live-stream worship, hoping that as many people as possible will participate electronically. You may watch the service at the time it is offered, or watch the service later as it is recorded and archived on our You Tube channel. And when the building is closed, we will do our best to sanitize everything possible in order to provide a safe environment for future ministries.

If you choose not to attend worship, please remember to be faithful with submitting your tithes and offerings, as the church will continue to receive bills to be paid! You may offer your gifts by mailing your offering to the church office, or by taking advantage of online giving through Pay Pal. A “DONATE” link is located on the home page of our church website, near the link to the live streaming.

So, watch for updates on our continued ministries, and help to spread the word about what is, or is not, happening. Our decisions will be in concert with the Erie County Board of Health and the Ken-Ton School District.

Rev. Gail Lewis sent along some wise advice from Rabbi Yosef Kanefsky:

- ♥ Every hand that we don't shake must become a phone call that we place.
- ♥ Every embrace that we avoid must become a verbal expression of warmth and concern.
- ♥ Every inch and every foot that we physically place between ourselves and another, must become a thought as to how we might be of help to the other, should the need arise.

Seeking to offer care in the Family of Christ,

K.U.M.C. Staff and Lay Leadership