

3/16/2020

Dear Chepachet Union Church family and friends,

It's hard to know what to say at such a time as this! We are deep into uncharted waters and it seems like everyday we hear more and more from our government, CDC, mandated closings and bans. In times when people don't know what to do, God's people pray. We pray for strength, wisdom, and courage as we make decisions about what's best for our families, including our church family.

Right now, we are following the instructions from our RI governor and stopping all worship services through March. We are also asking Boards and Committees to not meet for the same amount of time.

Having said that, there are a few things we want to communicate with you at this time:

1.) Please follow all CDC guidelines to be as safe as possible during this COVID-19 pandemic. There are several websites you can find that will be very helpful. Here's one: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

2.) We are going to set up a "live-stream" on Sunday mornings where we can hear and read a message of hope and strength from God's Word, as well as share our praises and prayer concerns. We'll also record the message and put it on our website. More details will follow soon.

3.) Even without having any gatherings at Church, our work continues; the bills still come in and must be paid. We are asking all our church members and friends to remember to continue to support our church financially. Your regular giving, and our investment fund, will allow us to pay our bills even though the doors are closed for now. We will continue to keep you updated as the days and weeks progress.

Please remember, our God is Sovereign over all things. The One who made us, who sustains us, is our "ever present help in time of trouble." If you feel anxious and

fearful, pray. God said to Joshua, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." The Lord Jesus will give us the strength to navigate these trying times. Just trust Him.

Please, call me if you need more help in these matters.

Blessings to you all,

Pastor John

p.s.: Let's pray for one another to seek God's guidance and for our community as we look for ways to work together

NOTE: if you drop off your financial support to the church, please leave it in the WHITE MAILBOX found outside the church building near the church office. It is secure and weather resistant. We will check it daily.