



March 18, 2020

To our church family,

As we expected this week, increased recommendations have been communicated from our local, state and national public health officials to stem the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19). We are temporarily changing how we conduct church activities, including Sunday services and small group activity, to respect these recommendations and assist in reducing the spread of the disease.

Please review Westview's recent changes on pages 2-3 below.

Several people have shared with me their support of the church leadership's decisions with the encouragement to follow the guidance of the Holy Spirit, first and foremost. We are so thankful for that support and encouragement, and let us encourage each of you about each decision we (your church leadership) makes:

- The Spirit we are following is the same Spirit that inspired Moses (the first public health director in history) to write in the book of Leviticus and Numbers many steps to isolate and quarantine the faith community for their protection.
- The Jesus we are praying to for guidance is the same Jesus that encouraged His disciples in the Gospel of Luke that the harvest is plenty, so go into the harvest field and bless, heal and share the Good News.
- The Spirit we are asking to lead us is the same Spirit that inspired Paul to write in the book of Romans that we must respect and submit to the governing authorities and again in Thessalonians, we must honor the leaders of the church, encourage one another and build each other up.
- The Spirit we are asking for strength is the same Spirit that inspired authors of the Bible to write "do not fear" over 365 times and "be wise" over 210 times.

The mission of the church can only slow down if the people slow down. Church is not cancelled, for we are the church. The current gathering guidelines are only temporary challenges. We have countless, new and innovative ways to grow in Christ, be Christ and share Christ, until this season passes. We look forward to worshipping with you on Sunday.

STAY BOLD. LOVE LOUD. ENGAGE DEEPLY.



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Coronavirus Update

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Due to the changing guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and our regional/local health departments, plus our desire to protect those we love from the outbreak of COVID-19, we are making changes to how we do community together as a church, effective this Sunday, March 22nd, and until further notice:

Sunday Worship Service:

Online only: we will **not** gather in person at our church facilities.

Online service time: join us for one service at 11:00 AM

Participate in this live service in 2 ways:

Go to our website: westviewcommunity.com/messages

Go to our FB page: <https://www.facebook.com/westviewcommunitychurch/>

Connection Hour Groups and Small Groups:

Connection Hour groups on Sunday at 9:45 AM will no longer meet at the church. Stay tuned to communication from your group leader, childrens ministry leader or youth leader to share options with you on how to meet electronically or the possibility of postponing any group meetings.

Small groups that meet throughout the week are also encouraged to meet electronically. Stay tuned to communication from your group leader on options to meet or whether you will postpone your group gathering until further notice.

New Opportunities are being worked on to engage adults, youth and children during this season of disruption. Stay tuned for more information.

Church Office Hours:

At this time, our office hours remain 9:00AM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Thursday, and 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM on Friday. We encourage communication with the church staff through email and phone calls. Personal appointments, counseling and requests for assistance are still welcome in person.

Activities and Events at Westview:

All non-essential activities and events of the church will be postponed. This includes these upcoming events:

- MOPS
- Childrens program: *Raise a Hallelujah* on Sunday, March 29th
- Child Dedication on Sunday, March 29th



Helping Those in Need:

This current outbreak could impact our community in significant to severe economic ways. A great opportunity exists to spread hope and diminish fear throughout our community. Please take advantage of assisting those in need in a safe fashion. If you believe the church can help someone in need, let us know. If you need help or would like to volunteer your services to help others, please email us at info@westviewcommunity.com.

Communication:

We want you to stay informed as this situation can change rapidly. Use these methods of communication to make sure you are aware of the most recent changes:

- **Newsletter**
- **Church App**
- **Website**
- **FB Page**

If you need help setting up any of these communication tools, contact our office at 785-537-7173.

Church Financial Condition:

We understand a prolonged response to the outbreak could have financial implications to our church families. We also know that since we are not meeting in person at this time, tithes and offerings can be forgotten impacting the mission of our church. Please consider these methods of giving of your tithes and offerings consistently:

- Online: Visit www.westviewcommunity.com/give
- Mail checks to 615 Gillespie Drive Manhattan KS, 66502
- Text to Give: Text an amount to 84321
- Church Center App: Set up one-time or automatic giving

Questions?

Contact our office or ministry leaders via email or phone for assistance.