



March 20, 2020

Good morning JCC church family!

We are emailing to give information about how our church family is planning to move forward in the midst of all the changes to our lives that the coronavirus reality is creating.

Sunday Gatherings

The Solon Community Center (SCC) is closed indefinitely until further notice. This means that our church family will not have any church gatherings on Sunday mornings for the foreseeable future. However, one of our core beliefs is that WE are the church, not a service or a building. With this in mind, our elders have been video conferencing to determine ways we can continue to express our identities of family, servant, and missionary in light of the new realities of social distancing.

Connectedness

The reality is that we are created to be in relationship. Relationship with God and relationship with each other. In light of this, we want to make sure we continue to have a sense of community and connectedness during this time. As the days and weeks of social distancing continue, we want to make sure each of you feels like you are not alone in our common feelings of fear, anxiety, uncertainty, financial stress, and isolation.

Plan

We have a three-pronged approach to combat these feelings and instead make this time as productive and resilient as possible. We are hopeful this time can be an opportunity for us to grow in our discipleship as followers of Jesus who trust Him in the midst of uncertainty. We will have individual communication check-ins (phone, Facetime or Zoom) with each of you. You will be hearing from someone soon. (If you don't hear from someone from JCC soon, please reach out immediately. We don't want anyone to not be connected.)

You will receive a weekly email (1st one will come on Sunday AM). This email will have a relevant video message for you to watch with some discussion questions included for further reflection. Our JCKids director and FUSE director are working on ideas for further discipleship with our young people while they are at home. These suggestions will be emailed out as well.

May we continue to trust in our God. He is our fortress. Please find comfort through God's word to us.

Psalm 46

1 God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. 2 Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, 3 though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling.

4 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. 5 God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God will help her when morning dawns. 6 The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts. 7 The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

8 Come, behold the works of the Lord, how he has brought desolations on the earth. 9 He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the chariots with fire. 10 "Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!" 11 The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

JCC Elders,
Andy, Blaze, Joel, Tim and Aaron