

Wednesday, March 18, 2020 - 11:45 a.m.

Vestal UMC Family,

Over the past days we have closely monitored the evolving situation with the COVID-19 virus. Both the physical and spiritual health of our congregation and our community have been, and remain, of utmost importance to us. We also need to faithfully respond to the local, state and federal mandates that have been put in place and anticipate that there will be more to come.

We want to highlight for you the necessary changes that will be put into place beginning Thursday, March 19, 2020:

1. We will suspend all congregational worship services on-site. This includes all Thursday evening Lenten Suppers and Services. The Church Council will meet tonight via telephone to finalize this plan. The duration of this will be determined by the CDC and other government officials as well as our Church Council. Beginning this Sunday, at 8:30 a.m., we will have recorded worship services available for you to view. We will send out more information on how to access this in the next few days.
2. The Church Building will be closed until further notice for meetings, events and other activities. This is due to travel restrictions of work, food and medical needs only.
3. At this time, we will do our best to keep posted office hours. However, office hours and staff availability could change based on any recommendations or restrictions by government agencies. Voicemail and office email will be checked remotely if necessary. For your safety, and that of our staff, we ask that, if possible, all church business be conducted via phone or email.
4. We realize that some family's will be financially impacted by the Corona Virus. We encourage everyone, if possible, to continue their regular giving so that we can continue to pay our staff and provide vital ministries to our congregation and community. Donation can be mailed to 328 Main St., Vestal, NY 13850. Online giving is also available [here](#).
5. For the most up to date information find us on social media ([Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) or [Instagram](#)).
6. Please share this with those who may not have email or other online access.

Your church staff is here for you if you would like someone to talk with you or pray with you. If you and your family need help with food, emergency aid or are having financial difficulties please call us and we will do our best to help you. If you know of a neighbor, friend or relative in need that we may be able to help together, please also contact us.

We are working on plans to keep in touch for spiritual support and social contact. You will all be in our prayers.

Sincerely,

Pastor Mike and Staff