

Dear Friends:

In our commitment to keep you informed, we have a COVID-19 Update #3 that affects our building and congregation.

- Our church building is closed for now. This means that the doors will not be open for visitors, drop offs or deliveries. This is to help people comply with the shelter-in-place order currently in effect.
- Sunday Worship will continue to be offered online at this point. We hope that this ability to pray and worship provides comfort and a calming presence in this rapidly changing world.
- The current shelter-in-place order extends to April 7. Therefore, we want to announce additional events/items that will be cancelled such as the Easter Egg hunt and ordering Easter lilies to adorn the sanctuary. This would also include having Palm Sunday service at the church.
- We are anticipating not being able to gather at church for any of Holy Week services, including Easter. Plans are underway to mark this integral part of our faith story in a new and different way. The method of sharing this story has changed and the good news will still come.
- Full time staff are working from home. Arrangements have been made to gather the mail, check on the building and handle any necessary paperwork. Because no one will be in the office for very long, the best way to reach a staff member is via email. Or if you have an immediate issue, please call Pastor Rakel using her cell phone number. That number is available in church directory or on the church office voice mail.
- Your faithful financial stewardship remains as important as ever. We still have bills to pay, staff salaries to meet and ministries that will resume after this current state is over. We encourage you to use online giving through our website for one-time donations or to sign up for regular offerings. If you wish to continue to use your blue giving envelopes, they can be mailed into the church office: 249 N. Bolingbrook Dr., Bolingbrook, IL 60440. We have made arrangements for offerings to be counted on every Wednesday.

As a church, we are more than a building. Our hope is that what takes place inside our building can take some form outside our space as well. Reach out to connect with others through text, social media, video calls, and yes even picking up the phone to call or sending an actual letter. Pray for our congregation, our community, and our world. There are many people who are experiencing struggles, stress and the weight of making decisions in our altered reality. Serve others whether that is through caring for those that you are sheltering-in-place with or safe ways help meet the needs of others. Nurture your faith by reading the bible or finding a daily devotion to keep you centered. And know that this distance is only temporary. We will gather again and what a joyous celebration that will be.