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Subject: Upcoming Calendar Changes at Restoration Presbyterian Church



Dear Church Family,

We are following up from the previous email to give you specifics about the decisions we have made not only about Sunday worship but also other planned ministry activities within our church during this crisis.

As previously mentioned, **we find it necessary to cancel our Easter picnic, the dedication service, and our worship service that were all planned for this**

**weekend.** The **upcoming women's retreat has also been canceled** with hopes that it can be rescheduled for some time in the future.

Furthermore, as long as our corporate worship services are suspended there will be **no large group youth activities on Sundays** as well. However, small groups may continue to meet at the discretion of the leaders and members.

With respect to Sunday morning worship, instead of trying to live stream a service, we will continue to offer our standard order of worship that you can use on your own or with a small group of people. In addition, we will also provide recordings of the selected songs as well as a homily from me that you can watch. We will continue to work through Ephesians together. Instructions on how to view the videos will be sent out with the order of worship via email before each Sunday.

Two regular elements of our worship service that aren't feasible without meeting corporately are the Offering and Communion. We encourage you to continue giving as an act of worship; read more about the various ways you can give [HERE](#). With respect to communion, while it is inappropriate for families to partake of the Lord's Supper on their own, we recognize that we don't want to extend going without it longer than necessary. Therefore, the Session are going to be discussing creative, but biblically appropriate ways to offer communion in the coming weeks.

We also hope to provide resources through our children and youth ministries to help you as you seek to shepherd your children during this time.

The Session will be meeting weekly as long as this crisis persists not only to discuss worship but also how to best move forward with our ministry and mission as a church in the current context including creative and wise ways to encourage connection with each other.

Please pray for our church and our community and feel free to reach out to us with suggestions or needs as they arise.

May grace and peace be multiplied to you,

*Pastor Rich Good for the Session*

