

HOMEFRONT CHURCH

March 13, 2020

Dear HomeFront Family,

We would like to update you on our church plans as we navigate the ongoing effort to contain the spread of COVID-19. As you may know, our Governor has closed all K-12 schools, banned gatherings of over 250 people, and recommended avoiding gatherings of 100 or more. Also, there are now more confirmed cases of the virus, some of those in the Grand Rapids area. In light of this info and taking into account the measures suggested to make gatherings safe, HomeFront Church will be offering Sunday Services online only. This will be in effect for the next 3 weeks, March 15 – 29, 2020.

As your Pastor and Lead Board, our goal is to ensure the safety our congregation while also being sure in the strength and faithfulness of God in every circumstance. We would like to share some of the passages we have turned to while praying and seeking the best way for our church community to respond to this crisis.

Isaiah 40:10

So do not fear, for I am with you;
do not be dismayed, for I am your God.
I will strengthen you and help you;
I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

Psalms 46:10

The Lord Almighty is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Acts 4:24

When they heard this, they raised their voices together in prayer to God. “Sovereign Lord,” they said, “you made the heavens and the earth and the sea, and everything in them.”

Psalms 32:8

I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go. I will counsel you and watch over you.

Even though *the way* we meet together on Sunday mornings will be different for a little while, we want to continue to trust God and follow Him faithfully. Below are the full details for the coming weeks.

- We will be using online tools to worship God and interact together. How to access and use these resources will be shared in a follow up email and on our Facebook page: [facebook.com/homefrontchurch](https://www.facebook.com/homefrontchurch).
- We will be providing a resource pack for the HUB children in our Facebook group. It will include a video, the Tracker's Treasures, and some additional ideas for

parents to use to share God's truth with their kids. A "Holy Week in a Box" activity will be available soon.

- Unfortunately, not gathering this week will affect the Youth Group fundraiser. Instead of a taco dinner this Sunday for their spring retreat at Camp Living Waters, Meagan will be sharing a PayPal account that we can donate to now. (That will go out in the follow up email and on Facebook, as well.) When we are able to meet together again, the youth will host a "Thank You!" taco dinner for the church.
- Please use our online options (<http://www.homefrontchurch.org/online-giving/>) or snail mail your offering to the church. We appreciate your faithfulness!

I am looking forward to interacting together in new ways over the next few weeks. Let's keep our eyes open for ways to share the sacrificial love of Christ with our neighbors and be praying for those in authority over us to have wisdom.

Sincerely,

Pastor Dave and the Lead Board