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Faith Family,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. In light of the recent coronavirus COVID-19 outbreak, we are taking steps to keep our church community healthy. The actions we're taking are consistent with guidelines from the authorities and are out of an abundance of caution. We are implementing additional cleaning efforts over the coming weeks. In addition, we are sanitizing all touchpoints across our facility.

The weekend's schedule of activities will be modified. The March Gladness Spring Revival will be held at 7:30pm on Friday night, 9:00am and 11:00am on Saturday morning. Please note, potluck and all afternoon activities are suspended. Please refrain from attending the worship services if you are not comfortable attending, ill, or have a compromised immune system. You can still participate in the worship through live streaming on Facebook or via our website. All revival services will be streamed.

During these perplexing times, you can continue your faithful stewardship. Online giving is available via the church website or you can mail donations to Faith SDA Church at P.O. Box 320580, Hartford, CT, 06132.

There are many simple steps that you can take to limit the spread of COVID-19. While there is currently no way to eliminate COVID-19, we can slow its spread and protect our vulnerable population by:

- Washing your hands frequently with soap and water (singing the Happy Birthday song twice will ensure you've scrubbed long enough). Wash your hands when you arrive, when you leave, and when in doubt, wash them again.
- Utilizing hand sanitizer - we have been unable to procure in bulk. Please feel free to bring your own and apply generously.
- Not touching your face (mouth, nose, eyes) with your hands.
- Staying home if you feel sick until the illness is resolved.
- Covering all coughs and sneezes with a tissue and wash your hands thoroughly afterward.
- Staying away from others. We welcome you to stay home if you feel as though you are vulnerable to the disease, feel ill, or choose not to attend out of an abundance of caution. Remember, non-essential travel isn't recommended.

For additional information (FAQs, Symptoms, Prevention, etc.) on COVID-19, contact the Center for Disease Control ([www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov)) or the Connecticut Dept of Public Health ([www.ct.gov/coronavirus](http://www.ct.gov/coronavirus)).

Out of an abundance of caution and to protect the most vulnerable, we are asking for the congregation to adopt a No Handshaking Policy. This may not be for you, but it may be for someone more vulnerable. Please replace a handshake with a verbal greeting, friendly wave, peace sign, or elbow bump. Don't feel pressure to leave your seat or hold hands during the intercessory prayer. As a leadership team, we are currently discerning how many special events need to be postponed. Please stay tuned to our website, Yapp and social media for potential postponement announcements.

We understand that there are many concerns related to COVID-19. The reports we are hearing are concerning and we encourage you to pray for our nation and the world. As Christian believers, remember that "God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind" (II Timothy 1:7). We encourage you to pray and study scripture. Some helpful scriptures in this time are: Psalm 27, Psalm 46, Psalm 55, and Psalm 91. For prayer, do not hesitate to contact your pastor. I am available to visit at your home or in my office. If additional stress continues, please contact a mental health worker.

Yours in the Master's service,

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Pastor