

To our Westminster United Church Family,

In response to the COVID-19 situation Westminster has made some temporary changes to how we operate for the coming weeks.

First of all, we have convened a special advisory group to Council to provide recommendations and advice based on experience, public health recommendations, and best practices. This group met on Monday, and provided recommendations for Council to consider. As recommended by this group, Council has made the following decisions.

- 1) Westminster will temporarily suspend in-person worship services for at least two weeks, to April 5th, to support social distancing efforts that aide in containing and lessening the effects of COVID-19. We will continue to assess the situation and a decision will be made for after April 5th.
- 2) The church building will remain open, and we are allowing those who rent our facility to make their own decisions on how they continue.
- 3) All Westminster non-essential in-person meetings of any sort are suspended effective immediately. We recognize that some meetings may be essential and require in-person meetings - please check with the church office or those named below.
- 4) We will make every effort to support our Congregation, and the wider community. To that end, we are exploring methods to provide sacred messages, prayers and worship services so that we continue to support you and your faith life during this time.
- 5) If you are healthy and not part of the group at increased risk and would like to assist please let us know. Your assistance is much appreciated.
- 6) If you are self-isolating, in quarantine, or part of the group at increased risk we are available to provide what support we can. Please let us know how we can support and assist you at this time.

With the love of God and faith in Jesus Christ we continue to work together to support each other and our community. This is not a permanent situation, the day will come when we will once again gather together and celebrate in worship. In the meantime, we celebrate separately - but together in spirit, faith and prayer.

If you have any questions or comments about these decisions, please feel free to contact Dan Hunt, Chair of Council [at1danielhunt@gmail.com](mailto:at1danielhunt@gmail.com).

If in need of pastoral care, please call Darrell at 306-757-6444 or at home 306-789-1049.

Yours in faith,  
Westminster United Church