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Dear Evergreen family,

With the ever-changing circumstances surrounding the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) and how our local, state, and federal communities are addressing them, we wanted to reach out to assure you that Evergreen is here for you, whether you and your family choose to visit in person; share in worship via Facebook live stream; or keep in contact through e-mails, phone calls, and prayer.

Following are a few items we can share at this point:

- **UPDATE: AT THE DIRECTION OF THE VIRGINIA CONFERENCE, SERVICES ON MARCH 15 AND 22 ARE CANCELLED. ALL MEETINGS AND GROUPS SCHEDULED THROUGH SUNDAY, MARCH 22 ARE ALSO CANCELLED.**
- As of now, our Evergreen Christian Preschool will be closed Monday, March 15 through Friday, March 20.
- Dana Jackson, director of our youth and children’s ministries, has family worship resources available. She can be reached at children@evergreenchurch.net.
- For the time being, we are suspending offering food after worship.
- For the foreseeable future, we will use disposable plastic communion cups.
- In addition to our regular thorough cleaning procedures, we are adding extra efforts to clean all high-touch areas like doorknobs, faucet handles, railings, and countertops.
- With regard to home groups, if you have not heard directly from your group leader, please reach out and inquire whether or not the group will meet at its regularly scheduled time.
- Our Care and Compassion team is available for prayer requests and requests for assistance (e.g., food needs, helping those in the high-risk categories who might need assistance). Please contact any one of the following with any needs you might become aware of: Pastor Mark, pastor@evergreenchurch.net; Dana Jackson, children@evergreenchurch.net; Kristin Sawyer, officemanager@evergreenchurch.net, Becky Hanrahan, brokerbec@gmail.com, and Diane Leigh, dianemleigh@gmail.com.

As you’ve heard many times over the last few days and weeks, please take the utmost care to keep yourselves and the others in our communities healthy and safe: wash hands frequently and for more than 20 seconds; cough or sneeze into a tissue and then dispose of it properly; get enough rest, eat a nutritious diet, and move as you are able; and follow the recommended practices advised by health agencies like the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. If you are in a high-risk category, especially consider all the precautions being advised.

If you have any questions, needs, or concerns, please reach out to Pastor Mark at evergreenchurchpastor@gmail.com or 703-737-7700.

Remember, that we, as Christians, can model living through faith, not fear. Through prayer, patience, and prudence we will persevere.

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

Philippians 4:6–7