



March 16, 2020

Dear Members and Friends of SVPC,

Your Session met yesterday afternoon and in this time of uncertainty we want to express to you that the Church is open. We will have to do things differently until the situation with COVID19 diminishes. You will see that we have suspended services for the time being with hopes that we can gather together on Easter Sunday. We will maintain regular office hours, but we will practice safe social distancing with the church maintaining six feet of separation.

I want to encourage all our members to practice safe procedures outlined by the CDC. Please be in communication with each other. If there are specific needs that we as a church, Session, or Deacons can help with, contact me, Ruth, a member of Session or Deacons. Please be in prayer for each other, our city, nation, and world. Pray for our government and leaders on all levels that decisions for the health and safety of our citizens will be rightly made. Pray for all who work in health and safety in our country.

The Session also realizes that this will be a financially uncertain time for the church and we will need to continue to make our contributions. We can give online at our church website: www.svpc.org; through the mail (125 Sparkleberry Lane, Columbia, SC 29229), or drop in the mailbox.

May God bless you all and keep us safe in His love,
Jack Heinsohn

PLEASE VIEW THE FOLLOWING PAGE FOR MOTIONS THAT WERE PASSED AT SESSION ON SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 2020



SESSION MOTIONS

Upon motion and second, the Session VOTED: To provide virtual-only worship services until Easter Sunday April 12th, 2020 contingent upon CDC and medical advice. The motion PASSED.

Upon motion and second, the Session VOTED: To proceed with the purchase of necessary equipment from ACS and the development of a process to live stream from the Sanctuary. The motion PASSED.

Upon motion and second, the Session VOTED: During the interim until live streaming is available, a worship experience will be recorded on Wednesday evening by the Pastors and made available to the congregation on Thursdays. The motion PASSED.

Upon motion and second, the Session VOTED: During the time that in-person worship services are suspended, any church-affiliated group meetings will not be held within the church, though this does not prevent virtual or other meetings outside the church. However, the church will operate during its normal business hours until further notice, while operating under a practice of social distancing. The motion PASSED.

Upon motion and second, the Session VOTED: During the time that in-person worship services are suspended, any external groups can not meet within the church without specific approval by Session. The motion PASSED.

Upon motion and second, the Session VOTED: Session will allow Meals on Wheels to continue to use the church. The motion PASSED.

Upon motion and second, the Session VOTED: Session will allow AA and Al-Anon to continue to use the church with the exception of the church kitchen. The motion PASSED.

Upon motion and second, the Session VOTED: Session will allow NAMI to continue to use the church with the exception of the church kitchen. The motion PASSED.

It is important to use accurate resources when seeking critical information. Please refer to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) website at: <http://cdc.gov/coronavirus> for up-to-date information.

We will update our "Closings & Delays" page on our website at www.svpc.org if anything changes.