



Here's what's
happening!

Greetings Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We hope this letter finds our members, friends, and families doing well. We want to bring you up-to-date on several issues regarding our schedule at Grace. Please note the following items and dates:

ON-LINE SERVICES TO CONTINUE THROUGH FEBRUARY

Following a special meeting of the Executive Committee on February 7, it was determined that we should **continue with on-line services only** through the month of February. This decision was made after reviewing data on the COVID infection rate and a subsequent discussion.

Our Ash Wednesday worship service will be posted online as a result of this decision.

AUDIO AND VISUAL SYSTEM UPDATE

Our renovations, new equipment, and updates to our sound system and video capabilities are almost complete. Beginning in March, we will be live streaming our Sunday worship services at 10:15am. Recordings will also be available for those unable to join us online at 10:15am.

RE-OPENING FOR IN-PERSON WORSHIP ON MARCH 7, 2021 (TENTATIVE)

The Executive Committee will continue to monitor COVID data on a weekly basis, but it is our hope that we can re-open for in-person worship on March 7 (**10:15 service ONLY**) **with all current safety protocols in place**. **Should we need to make a change in this decision, we will post updated information on the church's website and record a message on the church's phone machine.** Whenever we are able to be together in person, we must remain vigilant. We have had more members who have contracted COVID. Part of showing our love for one another is to follow our protocol for masking, washing our hands, and maintaining social distancing as strictly as possible.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: MARCH 7, 2021

We will hold the annual Congregational Meeting on March 7 immediately following the 10:15 service. Both the service and the meeting will be held live in the sanctuary this year; given COVID precautions, no lunch will be served.

We will use Zoom for those members who do not wish to be in attendance. If we determine that in-person attendance is not feasible on that Sunday, we will still conduct the meeting with only Council members in attendance in the sanctuary. Everyone else will then be on Zoom.

A copy of the 2021 Budget and Agenda for the Congregational Meeting will be sent out in the coming weeks. Questions or comments on the 2021 Budget may be emailed or phoned into the church office no later than February 28, 2021. The answers to your questions will be aired at the March 7th meeting. **Please be aware that we will need a quorum (approx. 43 people) to conduct the annual meeting; this can be a combination of in-person and on-line participants.**

We realize this is a lot of information. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call or email Pastor Althea or the church office.

May God bless you and keep you always!

In Christ,

 

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