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Our Mission: To lead people to Jesus and help them grow as disciples

March 16, 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As I said on Friday, *you will be hearing more from me and our church leaders as this outbreak continues to move through our lives.*

After worship yesterday it was decided that **beginning today, Monday March 16**, the Mahomet United Methodist Church **building will be closed** for at least the next two weeks. There will be no meetings, gatherings, activities, classes, small groups, large groups, office hours, etc.

This is not a step that I or any other leader in the congregation takes lightly, but we are serious about it because we are all in this outbreak together and we take the health and well-being of our congregation, our staff, our community and our guests very seriously.

It was also decided that as we live into this experience we will share in worship only through Facebook Live at 9:30am for at least the next two Sundays; and that the worship events will be kept up on our Church Facebook page for one week.

Again, I want to encourage you to remain calm, use your good judgement, and to be in prayer for each other and for those in our country and world who are being affected by this outbreak. Please also continue to support your leaders here in the church, in our community, in our nation and around the world as we walk into this new reality together. You may be thinking or hearing from others that these kinds of measures do not apply to you because you do not have the COVID-19 virus, however, we are all in this outbreak together and these measures are in place to help you remain well. So, help us help others.

This morning as I was praying about what I would be saying to you I received this from one of you who is traveling and shared in our Facebook Live worship yesterday, "I need to tell you that I felt isolated and disconnected from my community and hearing your voices gave me some peace."

The life you lead, leads others. Please, stay tuned as you will be hearing more from me as this outbreak continues to move through our lives.

Yours in Christ,

  
Rev. Craig Sweet  
Pastor