



Rochelle United Methodist Church

Rochelle, Illinois

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THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

This past Sunday 3/22/2020 our Church Leadership Council met to discuss the on-going response to the Coronavirus and recent shelter-in-place order issued by Governor Pritzker.

As an act of loving neighbor, self and each other and out of an abundance of caution for the well-being of our community:

- We will continue the suspension of in-person worship until national and local health officials deem it is safe to gather in groups of 50 or larger.
- We will continue to suspend all other in-person activities, including office hours until DST 231 schools resume meeting.
- Until the shelter-in-place order is lifted we will not host recovery groups or funerals at the church and we will continue to pre-record worship for Sunday broadcast.
- Until DST 231 schools resume meeting we will continue to support our employees with our short-term PTO policy.

During this season, we will continue to keep being the church by:

- Staying in communication.
- Expanding remote opportunities for discipleship.
- Serving our community and each other through our benevolence ministry.
- Caring for one another physically, emotionally, intellectually and spiritually.
- Acting faithfully in connection by supporting apportionments to the best of our ability.

Because we do not know the duration of these restrictions, we encourage those who are able to maintain their financial support of RUMC to consider donating electronically. This can be done by filling out the EFT authorization form that came with the Easter letter or by contacting Cathy in the church office; setting up the church as a bill pay with your own bank; or donating online via our secure website. This will reduce the amount of contact and hours that could expose staff and volunteers to illness.

Our Church Leadership Council will continue to hold each other and the world in prayer while monitoring this evolving and unprecedented situation and adapting as needed to care for each other.

Betsy Smith
Bill Paulin
Joyce Manning

Linda Cater
Mary Ellen Taylor
Merrill Mosbarger
Morgan Yordy

Pat Casey
Scott Swartz, Chair
Pastor Rob Hamilton