

COVID-19: How We Intend to Cope at APC

Dear friends of Alamance Presbyterian Church,

As we all watch the unprecedented news about the Corona virus, I invite us to keep a few things in mind.

We often sing about ourselves, "They will know we are Christians by our love." If that's really true, then it has to be true even during pandemics. Especially during pandemics!

Everyone is asking, "What should I do during this outbreak?" I would invite us to ask ourselves instead, "How can I help during the viral outbreak?"

Sometimes, that means prayer and staying home. Sometimes, that means calling and checking on your neighbors — particularly those who are isolated. Sometimes, that actually means showing up for duty.

It may mean sharing what you have, rather than hoarding what the stores have. It may mean exchanging signs of love and peace that don't involve physical contact with people you care about.

We must ask ourselves not, "What am I comfortable with?" but instead, "What makes everyone around me feel comfortable and cared for?"

As for Alamance Presbyterian Church, we will evaluate the situation daily; and we will keep you up-to-date through e-mail, social media, and our website (www.alamancechurch.org).

Feel free to call or contact the church with any concerns you may have, or any updates you need to share.

The biggest change to our schedule is Salem Presbytery's decision to cancel Salem Advocacy Days, an event we were to host on Sunday and Monday. Thank you so much to everyone who volunteered for that event; we will call on you again for the next big thing on our calendar.

In the meantime, pray for each other, for those suffering from the virus and because of it, for your church (and all churches), and for the world.

In Christ's Love & Light,

Kyle

A New (and Wonderful) Thing

Actually, it's **two** new and exciting ways to give to our church:
Online Giving and **Text Giving**.

We have negotiated an impressive savings with a company that will allow us to keep more of the dollars you donate electronically.

We are pleased to offer these two new-to-us, secure giving options for your convenience. You may use them to make your regular pledge, to make a one-time gift to a fund of your choosing, or to pay for meals and mission trips and other such charges that arise from time to time.

To give Online: Simply visit our website (www.alamancechurch.org) and select the **Giving** tab at the top of the page.

Click the **Online** option, then follow the simple, easy-to-use instructions! You can make a one-time gift designated to a fund of your choice, or you can set up a recurring gift.

To give by Text: Simply text the word "give" to **336-396-6133**.

You will be asked to follow simple prompts to set up your account and make your donations.

If you currently give online, we ask that you close your account, and establish a new one through our website.

We plan to completely close the old online account
by the end of March, 2020.

If you would like any help making the transition from old secure giving to new secure giving, feel free to come in and see Jeanine Rossi, Finance Manager, or give her a phone call and she'll be glad to assist you (336-697-0488 ext. 127, jeanine@alamancechurch.org).

Thank you so much for your generosity to your church and to the work that God is doing in our community and around the globe!

May God continue to richly bless each one of you as you generously give to his kingdom.