

1. What activities we will cancel on church property.

- a. Do we need to seal the building entirely for an XX number of days? And, if so, do we need to do any special cleaning?**

Sub-question: Guidelines are not law. Are there guidelines we feel compelled to violate? Are we willing to take the health and/or legal risk if we do?

Sub-question: Whatever we decide about the building, what is our timing on how long?

- b. If people are in the building, how many people are allowed at one time?**

Large gatherings have been prohibited for awhile now. As of 14 March, Gov. Cuomo had asked that room occupancy restrictions be cut in half. Now Pres. Trump – and the [coronavirus.gov](https://www.coronavirus.gov) website – urge avoiding social groups of more than ten people.

- c. What plans have the groups using our building already made?**

- d. What about Sunday Meals in particular?**

- e. What about worship, the office, and other activities we normally offer?**

The size restrictions may rule out worship, even if we keep the building open. There is a Presbyterian Church that has cancelled worship but is keeping its sanctuary open for prayer a couple of hours daily. Is this or something like it a course of action we are interested in taking.

Secretary and I are working on (a) what each of us must do over the next month (including handling snail mail and taking care of money); (b) whether it can be done from home; (c) what each of us would like best to do with our work time over the next month. Secretary and I are both willing to be at the church if Session decides that is safe. Secretary wants office volunteers to feel comfortable staying home.

2. Best health protections to take for people who are in the building.

If we keep the building open, what can we do to keep surfaces such as doorknobs safe?

Do we need to clean surfaces such as the hymnals? How is this need impacted by church use (e.g., a funeral)

3. How best to keep our congregation connected and nourished right now.

With personal visits out, and concerns about paper mail, and the fact that not everyone in the congregation has access to the internet (but does have access to the phone), what are our best strategies?

Facebook, newsletter, pastor's letters, live streaming, webpage posts.....?

For pastor

For deacons

For Session, Trustees and the congregation as a whole:

Particular individuals of Need:

4. What can we as a congregation do for our community members for whom social isolation is a major problem?

Many of the needs a church might meet are being covered by government and community organizations. What can and should we as a Christian church be doing?

Special topics: combating fear; helping people use this time of enforced rest as a blessing; helping older people who are uncomfortable with the internet; children and their parents, shut-ins, the incarcerated