

Faith UCC Health Guidelines Version 2 adopted March 16, 2020

The Faith United Church of Christ Council voted to **suspend all in person meetings and activities for 15 days** or longer if that is what is recommended. Virtual Worship will be offered Sunday at **10:30 am** via **Facebook Live**. The video of the service will **remain available to watch** at anytime at the very top of our Facebook posts until the next Sunday service

Council also voted to subscribe to an on-line meeting service called ZOOM at a price of \$15 a month which allows us unlimited online meetings. Anyone with a telephone, or computer with a microphone can join the meetings as an audio participant and if you computer has a camera you can join the meeting and be seen by the other participants. We have had two trial runs and when it is just individuals or couples at each computer the process is smooth and all can hear. If you have questions about how to do this talk to or message Pastor Brian to set up a test run. Watch for invitations in your email to both **Spirits and Spirituality** and the **Book Study**. They will include details to guide you through the process.

We are also going to post short Facebook videos to keep people informed about happenings and prayer concerns during the week. These will usually include a short time of prayer. Some of the videos will be directed at Kids - watch out for ***Pastor Rainbow Pants*** - coming soon! If there are some that do not have a computer, we may also work on putting brief devotionals on an answering machine, but we are still working on that technology.

Pastors Jude and Brian will be available via phone and email. Please note their home phone has changed to **941 721-7495** The pastoral cell phone is **941 718-3132**. There are answering machines at both, so **please leave a message if you call** so we can be back in touch asap. The Pastors will be contacting the congregation via phone to check in on a regular basis. Pastor Brian can help with technology if you are unfamiliar with Facebook and/or Zoom. Both Brian and Jude are available for visits, but will follow

social distancing guidelines. If they are visiting someone who is ill, they will take extra precautions like gloves and other protective clothing.

Faith Care Team is going to continue provide care to our most vulnerable members.

If you need someone to pick-up medicine, or give you a ride to the doctor, or food please call **Ken Followell and leave a message**. He will return your call after business hours.. You can also call **Faith Quici** at church at **941 746-8890**. Again, leave a message if Faith cannot answer.

If you are interested in assisting faith care team with deliveries, shopping or cooking food please email the church at faithchurchucc@verizon.net and Faith will forward it.

The Council is committed to keeping us connected during these times of uncertainty and to providing help as we can to one another. We are also committed to serving our community through Downtown Ministries which is now serving breakfast every day (watch for a separate communication on this) and also with the Manatee School Board who is asking congregations to provide places where students can pick up to go bag lunches prepared by the School Board Staff.

Please do not hesitate to call or message the church if you have questions and concerns about any of this.

May God continue to guide and direct us as we seek to be God's People.

The Faith UCC Council and the Pastors