

STATEMENT ON FCCC CLOSURE DUE TO CORONAVIRUS

We realize that closing a Christian church presents a conflict in our mission and our outreach. After all, our “business” is spreading the gospel and facilitating the salvation that Jesus Christ offers to the world. However, as James 4:17 teaches us: “So whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin.” Because society is now beset with the spread of a deadly coronavirus, which leads to the disease, Covid-19, all of us have an obligation to do our part to preserve the lives and well-being of our members and the public at large.

At this time, the United Church of Christ is still under advisement. The directives of expert health officials along with government restrictions that are imposed at the local, state, and national levels are mandating the discontinuance of our in-person activities for the month of April at a minimum. This date may change depending on developing conditions of the pandemic as well as recommendations from health authorities. We will continue to closely monitor this pandemic and assess the future impact of the virus on our Church Family. We are committed to providing updated information to you as soon as it is available. Please know that our top priority is the health and safety of our members.

These are unparalleled times for all of us. COVID-19 has impacted us in ways no one could have possibly imagined. Again, we thank you for your patience during this unprecedented season. Please remain prayerful, safe and encouraged.

When through God’s mercy and grace we are permitted to return to our active worship at First Congregational Christian Church, United Church of Christ; we heartily invite you to join us in thanksgiving and praise.