

Dear Family,

We pray that this email finds you well. Know first and foremost that we are praying for you daily and are available for you. If you need anything or if you know of a need please continue to let us know. You can reach us online by filling out the helping hand form or by contacting one of the pastoral staff members directly.

It is our hope that by now you have been able to watch our sermon from last week. If you have not had a chance or weren't sure where to find it here is the link to [our website](#) where you can find our weekly messages. We are working hard to stay connected with you and keep providing encouraging, faith building content to you on our website, our Facebook page, in our app, and in your email. If you struggle to access any of these and would like help, we want to help you. Please call the church (914) 666-5384 and we would be glad to help you connect with us and your church family virtually.

Here are a couple of updates that we want to make sure you are aware of as we move through the next few weeks. As the Elder Board and Staff continue to keep track of the most current CDC, NYSDOH, WDOH recommendations and regulations regarding COVID-19, there have been many decisions and changes that have, are, and will continue to be made regarding how we as a church will continue to love, serve and stay connected to each other. Please know that these decisions are being made prayerfully together as we look to honor the recommendations, care for all of you, and remain good neighbors to our surrounding communities. Here is what you can expect from us, your church in the next few weeks.

#### Regarding Services:

- The CDC has recommended that gathers of people 50 or more be suspended for the next 8 Weeks. The Elder Board is in agreement that this is something that need to honor, which means we will be meeting virtually through May 10<sup>th</sup>, at this point. Things can change at any time and we will continue to monitor this recommendation and keep you updated as our decisions change.
- We have made arrangements to continue to put together a recorded service including, announcements, words of encouragement and a sermon each week. This recording will be sent out Sunday Morning via email and will be posted online.
- Miss Melissa will also be doing Sunday School (age group classes). We will send more information to you directly about how to engage in that.
- EASTER SUNDAY – This is a major celebration in our faith, and even though there is a chance we will not be able to gather together in our sanctuary, the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior will still be celebrated. We will have more information for you on ways and suggestions of how you and your family can engage in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

### Staying Connected:

- We are daily posting encouraging, faith building virtual encounters on our Facebook page, [www.facebook.com/BedfordCommunityChurch](http://www.facebook.com/BedfordCommunityChurch) . Please feel free to respond, comment, share, tag. This is a great way for us to stay quickly and closely connected.
- On our app (which you can find by searching the play store or the app store for “Church App- Tithely”) there is a prayer wall. If you click open the app at the bottom you will find a prayer wall button. Once you click on it, at the top right-hand side of your screen you will see the word “add”. If you click on it, you will be able to add your prayer request. Please let us use this feature and continue to pray for one another.
- We have already mentioned the two new pages on our website, [www.bedfordcommunitychurch.org](http://www.bedfordcommunitychurch.org) . We have the [Helpful Link’s Page](#) and our new [Think about these things page](#) . On the helpful links page, you can find links to information and resources you might want in the next few weeks. On the Think about these things page you will be able to find content, video messages, created to inspire all of us to consider what is true, noble, right, pure, admirable, lovely, excellent or praiseworthy.
- We will be mailing this letter and sending it via email. If you do not receive it via email, and you use email please call the church at (914)666-5384 or email the church at [office@bedfordcommunitychurch.org](mailto:office@bedfordcommunitychurch.org) . We have been and will continue to send information out to your emails and would like to ensure that everyone has access to it. If you do not have email, please let us know so that we can be sure to get all future information to you.
- If you lead a bible study or ministry and would like to figure out alternative ways of meeting please contact Pastor Sarah. [sarah@bedfordcommunitychurch.org](mailto:sarah@bedfordcommunitychurch.org) . She is continuing to send out leadership huddle emails, if you did not receive one please let her know.
- Pastor Pelly is continuing to have Youth Group (Virtually). If you missed his zoom meeting last night, please contact him for details. [Pelly@bedfordcommunitychurch.org](mailto:Pelly@bedfordcommunitychurch.org)
- Miss Melissa has is providing tons of resources for parents, and she will be going live on zoom on Sundays to continue Sunday School for all our children. Please contact

Melissa for details on how to connect your child with their Sunday school class.  
[Melissa@bedfordcommunitychurch.org](mailto:Melissa@bedfordcommunitychurch.org)

How to Reach Us:

- The church building will be closed till further notice, and the Pastoral Staff will only be working from home. As needs arise, please continue to contact us. We will make arrangements to help in any way we can.
  
- The Church's Phone Number is (914) 666-5384
- The Church's Email address is [office@bedfordcommunitychurch.org](mailto:office@bedfordcommunitychurch.org)
- The staff's email addresses are their first name @bedfordcommunitychurch.org
  - [jeff@bedfordcommunitychurch.org](mailto:jeff@bedfordcommunitychurch.org)
  - [sarah@bedfordcommunitychurch.org](mailto:sarah@bedfordcommunitychurch.org)
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These are turbulent but exciting times and we as a faith community can be ready to respond and share the gospel of Jesus Christ, His hope, His Love and His encouragement to a world that needs it. Please remember you are prayed for and thought of daily. The Elder Board thanks you all for continuing to reach out and support each other, support your neighbors. If there is anything, we can do for you, your family, or your neighbors please let us know.

In Christ,  
Bedford Community Church.