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Dear Friends,

Based on the latest updates available from what's happening in Kansas and the unknown number of infections, **we are canceling all classes, events, and services at Wichita United Church of Christ effective immediately. There will be no worship services on Sunday, March 15 or Sunday, March 22.** All small groups, classes, and other events will also not meet. This is a difficult decision, but we must do what we can to slow the potential spread of the virus and keep our community safe.

We are working on an alternative to in-person gatherings and will use these next few weeks to put these together. As they are prepared and ready, we will connect with you. The office will remain open, staff will continue to do their work, and we will seek ways to bless one another and the Wichita area through our efforts. Throughout history, Christians have been known for our willingness to "be not afraid," to step into situations of great challenge and help our neighbors.

- In your own living the gospel, we invite you to practice good "social distancing" strategies:
- Wash your hands regularly and thoroughly we soap and water for a minimum of 20 seconds
- Limit handshakes and hugs. Try prayerful hands, a respectful bow, a wave, the peace sign or "live long and prosper" from Stark Trek
- Maintain, as best as possible, a good distance between you and the next person, 4-6 feet recommended

Let's demonstrate the grace, humility, and compassion of Christ in our own lives. Let's be the Church in the world.

Should you have any questions, please contact Wendy at the church office during weekday business hours (316)-685-4451. You can also reach Pastor Phil by email: [revphilhodson@gmail.com](mailto:revphilhodson@gmail.com). We'll be together again soon - in the meantime, be the Church!