

Important Information from Pastor Todd regarding Alcoa First United Methodist Church

Dear Church Family;

As most of you are probably aware, Bishop Taylor and the District Superintendents have asked all United Methodist Churches in the Holston Annual Conference to cancel all meetings, events, and worship until further notice. We are in a national emergency and our congregation needs to do our part. As your pastor, I respectfully request that we all STAY HOME and help stop the spread of the Coronavirus. Here are some important things you need to know.

1. All Sunday School Leaders, Small Group Leaders and other groups that gather at AFUMC, please look at your groups and call anyone in your group that does not have internet, or multimedia and read them the notices from their church. We have a small number of members that are not getting vital information, please phone them and read our announcements so they too can stay informed.
2. On Sundays, March 22nd and March 29th we will have WORSHIP via FACEBOOK LIVE. Log onto "First United Methodist Church Alcoa" Facebook page and watch the live feed. If you log on – please LIKE the page and join the live-feed. If your streaming drops out or locks up, please log out and then log back in. You should be able to re-connect easily. Starting PALM SUNDAY, April 5th we will be holding PARKING LOT CHURCH. We can gather in our PARKING LOT, stay in our cars and worship together but not be around each other. I will preach from the steps and you can listen on FM station 100.9 in your car. We are working to make all this work starting April 5th.
3. Vacation Bible School has been POSTPONED until the fall. A date has not yet been set; we are working on what a fall VBS might look like. Thanks for understanding, your children are our most valued assets and we do not want to put them in harm's way. More information will follow about VBS once we know when we can start meeting again.
4. We are working to be a mission for the Springbrook Community. I am waiting on more details from the Alcoa School System Leaders. We will be helping feed children in the Springbrook Community if school cannot start back (at this point I would think schools will not start back any time soon, but official word has not yet been given). Once the plan is in place for us to help feed children, I will let you all know in detail how we can help. Please watch for further details in the coming days.
5. We have volunteers willing to pick-up groceries for senior adults or those who have compromised health. Please call me (Pastor Todd) at 423-290-3999 if you need help. Volunteers are standing by.
6. Some of you have asked about donations. THANK YOU, Yes, we need donations. You can send your donations to: Alcoa FUMC, 617 Gilbert St, Alcoa, TN 37701 or you can make electronic donations at our secure site:

https://www.eservicepayments.com/cgi-bin/Vanco_ver3.vps?appver3=Fi1giPL8kwX_Oe1AO50jRqQGAxzzVIKksKko0dsP0sZfcDUR8Pm2EuvGLceWdCNK2EvVVAEjqawDomKT1pbouTFMczyIPPXTCoH_ONeYuxA=&ver=3

Thank you all for doing your part in not spreading this virus. God is in charge and with his help, we will all get through this together (well at least six feet away). I am praying for you all and I am here to help, call me if you need me.

Thank you, Pastor Todd.