



March 13, 2020

To our dear friends and family at Midtown Church,

In the light of the continued threat of Covid 19 virus we have decided to not meet for our Sunday Services starting this week.

Although our health authorities are still allowing gatherings of under 250, we feel it is prudent to not ask our children, our seniors and those with compromised health situations to go out in public at the moment. Once you factor in those who are providing for those groups of people and those who are close friends and relations, there really are not many of us left that would even want to go out to a public meeting in these precarious days.

We also were unable to procure any cleaning products to wipe off doors, tables and chairs. There is simply nothing left to buy in the stores.

In the end we decided it wasn't about the number 250. Why would 249 or 175 be any safer. I suspect they just want to be able to track us easily if a case shows up. But really it is about limiting contact between groups of people and keeping our most at risk people safe. We don't want to see this virus spread any quicker than it already is. As a result, the Pastor with help from our Board have decided to suspend Sunday services.

We really appreciate those of you who have phoned and offered us your advice and opinions, and we also are so blessed by those of you already inquiring how to give your offerings in this next period. We have put all of that information on our Website (under 'About Us'), and we also appreciate that many of you will simply set that money aside and give once we are able to meet again. However you choose to give or hold your offerings, we are very grateful for your continued support.

Please feel free to call our office (Mandy at 604-792-3988) or check in at our Website (www.mymidtown.church) for any future updates and messages from our Pastors and Board. Also feel free to call our office and speak to me or any of the other Pastors if you have any questions or concerns.

Please pray for our Federal, Provincial and Civic Officials as they make the day to day decisions that seek to keep us all as safe as possible.

And pray for our doctors, nurses, health and care home workers and staff that are on the front lines during this crisis.

Until we all meet again,

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