

## **IMPORTANT SERVICE & MINISTRY INFORMATION (COVID-19)**

We are all feeling the impact of recommendations and decisions surrounding the COVID-19 virus. As a Board of Stewards we have been prayerfully seeking to discern how we are to respond as a church to this ongoing situation. With that in mind we decided today that King's Community Church will be suspending our Sunday Worship Gatherings providing an online alternative from March 15 – April 1, 2020. During this time our Day Camp and Xtreme Youth will also be cancelled.

Our decision to do this is not a reaction out of fear, but rather out of a desire to respond with love and compassion to our community. As a church we seek to represent Christ in all things . . . now as a church we want to be Christ's representatives in our community looking out for the needs of all, especially those who are vulnerable among us.

We are still working out the details, but we are looking to livestream a worship experience each Sunday through our Facebook "King's Community Church – Oakville" page. Alternatively this livestream will also be available through Instagram as well. If you need information about how to connect to either of these forms of social media please contact me at paul@kingscommunitychurch.ca .

While we are physically not able to be together, I do encourage you to find ways to connect and stay in touch with each other, checking in and seeing if there are ways to help one another, maintaining the guidelines suggested by the Ministry of Health. There may be others (especially seniors) in your neighbourhood who would benefit from a check in or an offer to pick something up at the grocery store. Many are afraid and anxious; let us represent Christ as our peace in the midst of the storm.

As a church we will continue to have practical needs and so we encourage you to consider alternative ways of giving your tithes and offerings during this time. You can mail your gift to King's Community Church, 528 Burnhamthorpe Road W, Oakville, ON L6M 4K6 or you can go online and give through Canada Helps (<a href="https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/kings-community-church-oakville/">https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/kings-community-church-oakville/</a>). We are working on a means to facilitate e-transfers to be available in the next week.

Let us allow God to use this season to work out his best purposes for us as a church community. May God bless us all!

On behalf of the Board of Stewards,

Pastor Paul Mittelstaedt