



NHCC Family & Friends -- wow. SO much continues to change and evolve as we navigate this time together.

As we've previously communicated, leadership has continued to be in touch with medical professionals in our community, and is seeking to comply with all public health guidance and protocols. Consistent with this information, ***NHCC is suspending all face-to-face group gatherings until further notice.***

As we've said from the beginning, we firmly believe this response we're adopting is what Christ-driven loving and serving looks like for us right now. This is not about fear, nor about personal self-preservation; this is simply how we best protect, care for and love our own: our community and even our nation, as well as the weakest and most vulnerable among us. If you are someone particularly vulnerable during this time and could use some help (or know someone in our midst who does), please reach out to staff or elders and let us know, so that we can connect resources with needs. If you are reading this and don't yet fully understand the gravity of this situation, or still believe responses like ours are an overreaction, there are Christ-following individuals in the medical field that have resources to share, and have even offered to reach out and shed some light on the subject for you. Reach out to me and I will connect you with what they can offer.

Here is how all of this impacts us as a church and what our "new normal" will look like for now:

Each Sunday morning you will all receive an email with a video link to our service. (If you don't use email, but have a text-capable phone, you will receive a text link to the video). We will also aim to make this video available on our website. The video will include worship, message and communion, all of which each of us can engage with in our own homes together. If the "online church" format is a new or cumbersome concept for you, and you could use some help, let us know. We have people that would love to help walk you through it so that you can engage with us...we don't want anyone to be left out!

For communion, you have 2 options: you can either use bread/crackers and juice you may have at home, OR, you may come to the church during the week and pickup the communion elements. We have pre-sealed fully contained communion packets that are setup at a small station under the roof of our main church entrance... simply come by at your leisure and take enough sets for your family to use for that week. The station will be setup in such a way that the pre-wrapped sets will not be touched by mass-handling.

For offering, please be encouraged to use Tithely, our mobile platform, which you can use or download [HERE](#). If you are unsure how to do this or how it works, contact me and I will make sure someone walks you through that process. Alternatively, you can always mail checks to the church office at 778 Thompson Run Rd, Pittsburgh PA 15237, OR, you can simply come by the church during daylight hours and drop it off. The lower door will be open, and a locked slotted donation box will be right inside, along with some giving envelopes and hand sanitizer. In times such as ours, please do not underestimate the importance of loving and serving through giving financially. Paul, talking about Macedonian churches, writes "In the midst of a very severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity...they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability" (2 Corinthians 8:2-3). Their joy informed their generosity. Nehemiah 8:10 says, "Do not grieve, for the joy of the Lord is your strength." We have the opportunity to find that same strength, through that same source of joy, to propel us to love, serve and give generously in this unique time.

Families and kids--Katie will regularly be interacting with you and getting materials into your hands, and Jeff--well, Jeff and our teens are already naturally living and interacting in the online world quite effectively--but Jeff will be looking for additional resources to connect with our Jr/Sr High students. Our hope is to equip everyone to engage with us at home as best as we can, while continuing to look for ways to love each other and love our communities well during this extraordinary time.

Inconveniencing ourselves in order to love, protect and care for the most vulnerable among us is paramount to living out the Gospel. Please make use of our email at prayer@northhillschristian.chuch to share requests and needs, and we will continue to stay connected and keep everyone informed as we all navigate this together.