

A PLAN FOR CONDUCTING BIBLE CLASSES AND ASSEMBLIES OVER THE NEXT 2 WEEKS

(through Wednesday, April 1)

We have had the time to put in place protocols for minimizing the likelihood of spreading germs, and we have time to communicate those plans/protocols to everyone in advance so that we have good compliance. Be aware however, that the environment is very fluid. Updates to national and local governmental protocols designed to slow the spread of the virus could require us to change or alter our own plans on short notice. Information regarding any changes will be available on our website and via email and text.

For our midweek Bible study, we are going to have “virtual” online Bible classes. For Sunday, we assume that our assembly will approximate 50 persons or fewer, considering those with health and other concerns.

THIS IS THE PLAN FOR THIS WEDNESDAY & FOR THE NEXT TWO FULL WEEKS

We will monitor conditions and re-evaluate our plan regularly (but no less frequently than every two weeks). On April 3, will announce a plan for the following two weeks, April 5-18.

MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY

We will forego an actual meeting and hold online Bible Classes

- 1. For adults and older children, we will forego an actual meeting and hold an online Bible Class Wednesday (7 pm) via Zoom or the church Facebook page**
 - We will cover Acts 13-14.
 - This will be interactive, and we will do the best we can to replicate the interactivity that we have when we meet in the auditorium.
 - About a half hour before 7 pm, everyone will receive an email with a link that will allow you to participate in the study by Zoom.
 - Alternatively, you can go the church Facebook page where you can simply watch and listen to the discussion, but will not be able to participate.
<https://www.facebook.com/extonchurch/>
- 2. We will have an online Bible Class Thursday (7 pm) via Zoom page for younger children**
 - Again, this will be interactive
 - Teacher TBD
 - About a half hour before 7 pm, everyone will receive an email with a link that will allow children to participate in the study by Zoom.

SUNDAY

We plan to conduct an assembly with the following precautions...

- We ask and encourage members at higher risk and those with particular concerns to stay home
 - If you're sick, please stay home,
 - If you think you're sick, please stay home,
 - If you think you have been exposed to the virus, or a member of your family has, please stay home,
 - If you're in the high-risk category (are a senior, live with a senior, have underlying health issues), please stay home
 - If you are at all uncomfortable, please stay home
- We will meet for a single service at 11:45
 - This will eliminate the need for breaks to minimize mingling, minimize bathroom use
- We will not have a class period, but will have an online class period later in the day (See below)
 - This will minimize mingling among the young who are not great social distancers
- We will have Hand Sanitizer at entrance, outside main doors
- If we can obtain small personal unscented hand sanitizers, we will make them available in the vestibule for people to take. However, they are proving to be in short supply, so we encourage you to bring your own.
- We will announce that all should refrain from shaking hands and hugs. Please follow prescribed social distancing protocols.
- **Seating**
 - Sit alternating pews; @ 6 people/per pew, accommodates 72 people. We don't think we'll have that many.
 - Sticky notes will identify the rows for seating.
 - Whole families/unites should sit together rather than having children dispersed
- **Lord's Supper**
 - Servers will wash hands thoroughly immediately before serving, during the song before the Lord's Supper
 - Only servers will handle trays
 - Only adults will serve the Lord's Supper
 - They will serve from unoccupied rows
 - Bread will be served in individual cups
 - For both the bread and the cup, worshipers will retain the containers and dispose of them themselves
- **Songs**
 - All songs projected (avoids handling song books)

Online Sunday Bible Class

- We will have a online Bible class at 4 pm using the same technology that we use for Wednesday night
- This will be at 4 p.m.
- Clint will be teaching his class on Genesis.

Special note from the Elders:

These are unprecedented times in our lives...but the Lord is our helper. We know that Exton is a loving and compassionate congregation of Christians that strives to serve God as he has commanded. If you are at all uncomfortable with meeting during this time as suggested, we understand. There will be no self-righteous judgement of anyone who chooses not to assemble because of their personal assessment of the risks presented to them, or the concern they may have of increasing the risk to others. May God bless us all as we strive to serve him, and may we continue to look to him for guidance and comfort in these difficult times. We ask for your continued prayers for us as we seek to exercise wisdom and love in guiding our congregation.