



## CORONAVIRUS UPDATE – 5:00PM – 3/13/2020

Dear Greentree Christian School parents and families,

The President of the United States has officially declared a national emergency surrounding the Coronavirus. We find our communities, state, and nation in an upheaval from the norm. I encourage you to check in on your neighbors, family, loved ones. Extend a technological hand to those near and dear to you. Folks are scared, anxious, uncertain. We need to share the love of Jesus with everyone as we navigate unprecedented situations and scenarios.

The Bishop of the United Methodist Church has sent out a letter to all pastors and staff, stating that all churches are to cancel worship services and offer no “in-person” worship on church campuses, for the next 2 Sundays. The Bishop is encouraging online worship and alternative ways to live out our faith and actively be the hands and feet of Jesus in different ways and not gather as the body of Christ, physically.

Public health officials have shared that with an abundance of caution we can help slow the spread of disease by practicing social distancing. That being said, the Bishop is also asking all churches to cancel any large group gatherings on church campuses and properties, from March 14-March 22, in an effort to slow the spread of the virus. This would apply to classes, meetings, schools, and all church and school programming, housed at a United Methodist Church campus.

Greentree Christian School will be closed starting at 1:00pm, Friday March 13. Classes will not meet, as was previously stated on Monday, March 16. Classes and school programming will not meet the week of March 16-20. We will re-evaluate throughout the week and provide information regarding any possible additional closures, extended closures, and possible re-open dates.

Worship will be available online March 15 and March 22. Services will be streamed live at 9:30 and 11:00 AM. There will be no children or youth programming on either of these Sundays. Please join us in worshipping online. In addition, see Pastor John’s email outlining Christian Education options offered through our Kids Ministry.

Please continue to pray for those infected, as well as their families, our communities, nation, and the world as we all navigate the unknown. Prayers for health and peace.

Blessings and Peace to you all,

Heather Greene, Greentree Christian School Director