



# Wesley

United Methodist Church  
*A Place for You*



March 11, 2020

Dear Wesley UMC family,

Greetings in the name of the Healer who is present with us in this time of anxiety and world wide illness. Our campus is busy with meetings, worship, food ministries, the Pink Cow and community groups. Last week you may have seen an email from Wesley with information about healthy protocols in response to the COVID-19 virus. This week I have met with staff at Wesley and have established the following procedures..

All hard surfaces will be wiped down in the sanctuary, Winterberg, Fireside Room, office areas and the Pink Cow with close attention to door knobs and light switches. Hard surfaces will be wiped down with a bleach and water solution. Soft surfaces such as upholstered areas of chairs will be sprayed with Lysol or similar disinfectant spray. We have set a schedule for each space to be certain that after a gathering the surfaces will be cleaned. Base Camp has taken specific steps for the Thursday meal. In addition to all hard surfaces being cleaned just prior to dinner, individuals will be given their place setting as they are served dinner.

We have made changes in worship as well. We will refrain from shaking hands or giving hugs during the passing of the peace, the benediction song and at the door following worship. There are many different ways to greet one another and that we will continue to demonstrate. We will not have communion on Easter Sunday. We will still offer communion on the first Sunday of the month. Communion stewards will be dismissed to thoroughly wash their hands before serving. We have purchased small, sealed individual cups of juice and communion wafers. We will not be tearing bread from a loaf or dipping the bread into a cup.

For more information on how to keep you and your family healthy, please visit <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/specific-groups/high-risk-complications.html#get-ready-now> or the Fresno County Health Department <https://www.co.fresno.ca.us/departments/public-health/covid-19> . Let us hold those suffering from the virus in our prayers for healing, strength, hope and comfort. Let us also pray for wisdom, strength and hope for healthcare teams and researchers.

Peace,

Pastor Karen

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