

Update on Neighbors Café. The Bridge Ministry Committee has been meeting for several years investigating the feasibility of opening a café in the community. The purpose would be to help people with their basic needs..... develop relationships and share the Gospel message.

This effort became known as the *Neighbors Café* and a detailed plan to move forward was approved by the congregation in October 2019. A couple important factors of that plan included (1) providing a place outside of the church buildings to develop relationships with people in a one-on-one setting and (2) from a financial perspective, possible significant support in the annual budget of St Matthew. In addition, all efforts would wait until a Wixom pastor was in place.

In light of the current environment that is part of the Corona Virus, the first factor could be significantly impacted due to Social Distancing and the prohibition of group meetings. Financially, St Matthew has already been affected and it is difficult to predict the future with any certainty. The Bridge Committee feels it would not be prudent to add additional financial commitments to the church budgets.

Therefore, we have decided to suspend, for a short period of time, any efforts relating to Neighbors Café and focus on the immediate needs in our community created by Covid 19. Helping others in our community has always been the basis of Bridge Ministry. We don't think God is saying "Stop" - - He is just saying "Wait".

If anyone becomes aware of specific needs in our community that we, as a church, can assist with, please let us know by contacting the church office at 248-624-7676.