

SLACKWOOD

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Dear Slackwood Congregation,

Good morning. We hope this email finds you safe and healthy. Because of the Coronavirus outbreak, our Session and I have unanimously approved the following measures:

- 1) **Suspend in-person worship, March 15th, 22nd, and 29th.** We will continue to have our sermons on our website each week. Click here to find our [weekly sermons](#)
- 2) **Suspend any in-person fellowship, Bible Studies, and meetings.** Meetings can and will take place utilizing the “Zoom” platform, which allows for convenient, online meetings. Please [click here](#) to download the Zoom software to your computer.
- 3) **Not to allow outside groups to utilize our facilities** until the end of the month. This includes groups like AA, NA, and Explorations Preschool.

Because we won't be meeting for a few weeks, please know that the three best ways to stay informed about everything going on will be:

- 1) **Churchwide emails** such as this,
- 2) Our **church Facebook page** that can be found by clicking here [Slackwood Facebook Page](#),
- 3) Our **church website** which can be accessed by clicking here [Slackwood Church Website](#)

If you don't feel comfortable shopping in crowds, know that **assistance will be available for everyone who needs it.** Already some of our younger members have offered to assist with groceries or errands for anyone who may not feel comfortable going out into public spaces.

Though we will not be meeting in person for three weeks, we still have to pay our bills. We would encourage you to continue to send your **tithes and offerings** via check to:

Slackwood Presbyterian Church, 2020 Brunswick Ave, Lawrence, NJ 08648. If you would like to utilize our online giving platform you may. Here is the link [Slackwood Giving](#) (Please be aware that online giving incurs a 3% service fee.) As we consider the physical health of one another, please know that your continued generosity allows us to remain financially healthy and is greatly appreciated.

These are challenging times, yet God will be with us and we will get through this together. Though we may not see each other in person for a few weeks, we will continue to be praying for one another, for our neighbors, for our country, and for this world. I would encourage you to pray every time you wash your hands thoroughly with soap and water.

Thanks for understanding why we need to take these measures at this time. If you would like a more detailed understanding as to how we prayerfully and thoughtfully came to these decisions, please see the longer attached version of this email.

Your Pastor,

Ryan Irmer