

March 13, 2020

Dear Resurrection friends and family,

Greetings in the name of our loving Savior, who is always there to calm our storms because He is "with [us] always, even to the end of the age" (Matthew 28:20)!

Yesterday (Thursday, March 12) afternoon the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services issued an updated directive for those who are planning community events such as church services in our area. In addition to many of their prior instructions that I published in a letter to the congregation earlier this week, their newest recommendation yesterday was to limit gatherings to no more than 100 people and to generally prevent those who were gathering from coming into close contact (6 feet or less) with one another.

As a result, in consultation with staff and members of leadership at Resurrection, I have decided to go ahead with our three regularly scheduled worship services for March 14-15 in the main sanctuary, but to cancel the 10:45 worship service in the Family Life Center and all Sunday School classes (children, youth, and adult) for Sunday, March 15. Holy Communion will be offered in our 6 PM Saturday evening and 8 AM services and will be distributed in a continuous line. Our reception of new members scheduled for Sunday, March 15 will be rescheduled to a later time. Two Saturday events, the Men's Breakfast and Brass Bonanza scheduled for March 14, will be either cancelled or rescheduled.

Please know that I understand these to be important events for the life of our congregation. I do not do this easily or lightly. However, we must look to those with knowledge of the virus and its likely impacts and see that we do not create unnecessary risks to the members of our community.

I have said it before, but it bears repeating: If you have anxiety for yourself or for others in your family for whom attending this weekend prevents a challenge, *please do not hesitate to stay at home*. We love you and want our worship with you to be the wholesome and uplifting experience that it was intended to be!

Please continue to check our church web site ([rlcary.org](http://rlcary.org)) your RCB email, and our church

Facebook page for updated information.

Shalom in Jesus,

Pastor Jonathan