



# Bedford Presbyterian Church

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Dear Church family,

The Session has decided, in accord with Virginia's Covid 19 closings and bans on assemblies of 100 or more, that **Bedford Presbyterian will cancel ALL programming through Sunday March 29<sup>th</sup>**. This means that all events by both church and community groups that meet at our church are cancelled including no Sunday worship on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>

**Church will reopen for all programs beginning Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup>** unless there is a need to extend cancelations. The Session will hold a called meeting on Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup> to assess whether further closures will be necessary.

Even after the Church reopens, the Session has also decided as an additional precaution to suspend communion at least for the entire month of April.

**However, church offices will be open at least half days from Mon through Thursday, weekly** for church business and communication needs.

- **Members are requested to call in with concerns, announcements, and prayer requests.** The church office phone is (540) 586-5284.
- Please also mail or bring in your regular contributions.
- Since one of the events now cancelled was a fundraising meal for our youth to go to Summer conferences, we urge you to consider making a special donation to the Camps and Conference funds so that all our youth can afford to go.

**We are also working on variety of ways to bring Sunday worship to you in spite of these closures.** One way will be by emailing (or as needed mailing) out a weekly newsletter that will include announcements, prayer requests and a sermon. We are also working on ways to put an abbreviated worship service both up on our website, on YouTube, and possibly also by a phone-in service.

So for now, all Holy Week and Easter events are still happening. But until then we encourage you to stay home, stay healthy, enjoy the extended Spring break, and keep sending up prayers for those less fortunate than us.

For the Session, Pastor John Salley

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