

Assembly of God of Center Moriches

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Just yesterday the CDC issued the following statement:

Guidance as of 3/15/2020

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/large-events/mass-gatherings-ready-for-covid-19.html>

Large events and mass gatherings can contribute to the spread of COVID-19 in the United States via travelers who attend these events and introduce the virus to new communities. Examples of large events and mass gatherings include conferences, festivals, parades, concerts, sporting events, weddings, and other types of assemblies. These events can be planned not only by organizations and communities but also by individuals.

Therefore, CDC, in accordance with its guidance for large events and mass gatherings, recommends that for the next 8 weeks, organizers (whether groups or individuals) cancel or postpone in-person events that consist of 50 people or more throughout the United States.

Events of any size should only be continued if they can be carried out with adherence to guidelines for protecting vulnerable populations, hand hygiene, and social distancing. When feasible, organizers could modify events to be virtual.

This recommendation does not apply to the day to day operation of organizations such as schools, institutes of higher learning, or businesses. This recommendation is made in an attempt to reduce introduction of the virus into new communities and to slow the spread of infection in communities already affected by the virus. This recommendation is not intended to supersede the advice of local public health officials.

As a result of these new recommendations and because of our concern for all the members of our congregation, we will be canceling our Sunday morning church services for the rest of this month. In order to help everyone stay connected – and spiritually fed – we will be posting video services online each Sunday morning which you can watch at home. (*Our live-streaming service should be back up by the first of April.*) If you don't have access to the internet, or if you would prefer – we can also send you a DVD or an audio CD of the service which you can listen to at your leisure.

We also want to be sure that everyone's physical, material, and medical needs are also covered during this time, so if there is anything you need – groceries, prescriptions delivered to your home, transportation to a doctor's office, etc. – please contact us at the following numbers:

Church Office 631-878-1727

*“Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit, says the Lord Almighty”
Zechariah 4:6*

Pastor Dominick	631-790-4173	call or text
Pastor Sam	718-679-5356	call or text

Note: During this time, please do not use these numbers to send us frivolous texts or memes, or to forward us non-essential information from other sources. These numbers should be used for emergency purposes only. Thanks.

A number of people have also asked about giving during this time. There are a number of ways to do this.

1 – If you pay bills through an online checking account you can simply add the church as a payee using the following information:

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2 – You can also give using a credit card at our church website www.aogcm.com. At the top of the page there is a “**Donate**” button. Click that and then follow the instructions.

3 – Again, if you’re not comfortable using either of these online methods of giving, you can simply write out a check to “Assembly of God” and mail it to us via the USPS. If you want to designate your offering to a specific account (e.g. missions, youth, LEBCS, etc.) just include a note with your check or write something on the memo line.

As I mentioned this past Sunday, this is a time for us as the church of Jesus Christ to step up and demonstrate our faith in acts of service and ministry to those in need, and to prove that we are not driven by a spirit of fear, but that we are instead motivated by a Spirit of power and of love and of soundness of mind. Though we may not physically see each other for the next few weeks, please know that we are here for you and that we are ready to assist you in any way we can. God bless – and don’t forget to “wash your hands” (James 4:8)!

Sincerely yours,

Pastor Dominick A. Scibetta
Pastor Sam Baez