Central Christian COVID-19 Updates Email to the congregation on 4/29/2020

Good morning church family...

Here are some updates about our building and congregational programming this week:

- 1) With the recent directive of the governor to continue shelter-in-place through **May 30**, we are following suit. That means **all programming in the building** will be suspended through this time and the office hours (for phone calls only) will be Tues-Thurs from 8 a.m. 12 noon. The breezeway in the West Entrance will continue to serve as a pick-up / drop-off point for items announced and advertised. We all understand that there may be frustration with this, but we thank you in advance for being patient.
 - Note: there are some online meetings taking place (primarily zoom) and if you are interested in knowing what those are, please let us know.
- 2) During the month of May your congregational leaders and staff will be looking into what it will mean to begin gathering again for in-person worship. We will continue to follow the directives and of our state and local officials. So while we will be excited to be able to gather publicly again (hopefully sometime soon after May 30), please be prepared that we will most certainly have **new procedures** when in the building and/or on the church grounds.
- 3) One of the state's directives beginning May 1 is that all people not able to maintain 6 feet distance in public are to wear **masks**, and that businesses are to supply them. We plan to implement that with our essential personnel in the building during the week and recording worship every Sunday. Though the worship leaders may not be wearing masks on camera, rest assured that we will all have them on when we not on camera.
- 4) As pastor Tina announced on Sunday, there are no more **individual communion servings** to pick up in the West Entrance breezeway. We have ordered more, but they will not arrive for a few weeks. As you can imagine, that is a business that is not hurting during this time of quarantine. When they are available, we will let you know.
- 5) For those parents with school-aged children, the region announced a **change to the summer camp schedule**. The CYF camp (grades 9-12) has been rescheduled for July 12-18. The Chi Rho camp (grades 6-8) will also be held that week, July 12-18. And JYF (grades 3-5) will be held July 19-25. Hopefully these camps will be able to take place. If any families want more information about this, feel free to email our youth director David Martin (demartin@cccdisciples.org).
- 6) Speaking of summer... there will still be Vacation Bible School in June. Pastor Tina is working on the details with Pastor Amy from Holy Cross and Pastor Rita from First Lutheran. It is shaping up to be a **Virtual (online) VBS experience**. As I said, more details are to come in the weeks ahead.
- 7) Finally, Pastor Tina has extended the deadline to turn in applications for Higher Education **Scholarships** from Central until May 15. Please contact her (tmiller@cccdisciples.org) if you have any questions.