Good afternoon church family...

Here is a copy of the announcement I made this morning during on-line worship. (in addition to emailing <u>central@cccdisciples.org</u>, if you would like to email me directly, feel free to do that – <u>mkarunas@cccdisciples.org</u>).

COVID-19 Updates

As the pandemic moves into its third month, we recognize there is growing interest among our congregation to explore ways for us to "come back" and be church in way that is more physically interactive than we are currently doing. We know there are some churches in the Decatur area who have opened their doors to some kind of modified worship already, and that others are likely to do so in the coming weeks.

We want you to know that your staff leaders are anxious to do that as well. We know that doing so can go a long way to building morale among us.

Yet we want whatever we do and however we do it to be thoughtful, respectful and careful. To that end want you to know that our president and vice-president (Gregg Foltz and Brett Swallow respectively) along with the ministerial staff have been working on a proposal for opening the church for small gatherings. That plan will be shared with the council at a council meeting this week. While there is no current timeline for a change to our current procedures, we hope to be able to announce very soon some ways that we might begin to come together in new (and modified) ways. Whenever we have something more definitive to share we will do over a variety of platforms to ensure that the word is communicated broadly. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact central@cccdisciples.org.

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