



UNITED PROCLAMATION OF THE GOSPEL:  
Light of Christ  
St. John's Windish  
St. Peter's

November 3, 2020

RE: Closure of UPG Buildings

Greetings Friends!

It is with heavy hearts that we write you today.

As you have been aware, the leadership of our community of faith has been closely monitoring COVID19 infection rates. At the September joint church council meeting of the UPG and St. John's Windish the congregational councils gave permission for the pastors and staff of the UPG to take immediate action to close our buildings in the event that public health officials determined that it was no longer safe to gather in person.

In conversation with Dr. Jeffrey A. Jahre, infectious disease doctor for St. Luke's Health, with our parish nurse it was determined that a 6% infection rate in the Lehigh Valley would be utilized as the level to take action to discontinue in person gatherings. Unfortunately, this standard was met over this past weekend.

This letter is being forwarded to make you aware that effective immediately the buildings of the United Proclamation of the Gospel and St. John's Windish Lutheran Church will once again be closed. There will be no in person gatherings permitted in our buildings to include various ministry team meetings, outside organizations, worship celebrations or Sunday school ministries.

At the November 17 joint council meeting the leadership of our community of faith will continue to address this decision as we move forward.

As our situation adjusts and changes we will do our best to keep you informed through our email system, our websites, and our at home mailings which are sent out to those who don't have internet access. Our "Live Stream" worship celebrations will continue, and we are hoping that we can continue to access various ministries within our community through "Zoom" meetings.

Our hearts, like yours, lament this necessary action to keep our community of faith safe during this global pandemic. We hope that you will join us in praying that all would be safe during this time, that those who are ill would feel the healing presence of our God, that those who tend the sick would have their hands and actions guided by our God and that all would be comforted during this challenging time.

Until we are together again;

Let us all keep trusting God, washing our hands, and be surrounded by peace,

Pastor Jerry Kulp

Pastor Suzanne Trump

Gina Brockway

Rich Hawk

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