

COVID-19 General Statement  
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As the COVID-19 situation continues to emerge it is easy to experience a wide range of emotions and fears. Being rooted in faith, prayer, and Scripture reminds us that God is with us. We do not need to be afraid or panic, but we should act wisely and with consideration for others. We know the impacts of this virus extend beyond physical health concerns and impact finances, the economy, and travel. We are here to help with prayer, counsel, encouragement and assistance if you have questions or specific needs.

At Orchard Park Wesleyan Church, we are actively responding to the changing dynamics created by the virus. We will be posting weekly updates with information regarding services and other gatherings. You can stay updated by subscribing to our email list (go to [opwc.org/email-subscription](http://opwc.org/email-subscription)) and by checking our website's "Weekly Updates" page under the COVID 19 section.

This is an opportunity for us to tangibly show God's love and grace to others. In the midst of confusion and anxiety we are called to be people of hope and peace. I encourage each of us to adopt practices that help protect and assist people in our community.

- Live by Faith not by fear
  - If you feel overwhelmed by anxiety or fear call to set up an appointment to talk.
- Live Generously not hoarding
  - Share with those in need and buy in moderation
- Live Responsibly not in ignorance
  - Practice social distancing and limit travel to essential activity
- Live Balanced not consumed by media
  - Limit exposure to social media and be wise and discerning
- Live to Help others
  - Listen for needs of people around you and respond with prayer and assistance
- Live Thankfully
  - We are very blessed despite the challenges. Remember to give thanks.

Remember that you are not alone. We are here for you and God is with you.

Pastor Dan