



Dear First United Community,

Due to concerns with the possible spread of COVID-19, we have decided to suspend any in-person gatherings with First United and Middle Circle through the month of March. We will monitor the situation week by week and will send updates along the way regarding plans for April.

During this challenging time, I hope we can find creative ways to support one another. Pr. Anders is starting to plan ways to utilize useful tools, like Zoom, to create opportunities for church and fellowship. Stay tuned.

If you or someone you know has a special concern or need, please let Pr. Anders know at anders@middlecircle.org or 415-610-8321.

Below is some important information to keep you updated on how to be proactive in caring for yourself and your loved ones during this time:

- 1) The most recent update from San Francisco's Department of Public Health. This update was released today, March 13.
- 2) A spiritual essay on living in the time of the Coronavirus written by one of our local Rabbi's.
- 3) An update on the coronavirus written by two trained epidemiologists within Middle Circle's network (one who currently works for the organization Ending Pandemics). They are graduates from Berkely's School of Public Health and though this is not an official resource, it is helpful in synthesizing information on the Coronavirus and highlights steps we can take to protect ourselves and prepare for a potential spread of the virus. Note this particular update was written

yesterday, March 12, and does not include information on today's announcements from Washington D.C.

This Sunday's gathering has been canceled. Nicole reports the library is being converted to an emergency childcare facility this weekend and will remain so through the end of March.

Thank you, Nicole Bohn, for your service to the city and helping to curate the Changemakers Exhibit.