

Hello dear Wellspring friends and family!

In light of COVID-19's spread and impact, Wellspring's leadership team is seeking to flex and adapt in order to care well for each other, as well as for those God would have us minister to through this crisis.

This week I've read lots of articles, sifted through countless news stories, and had many conversations with pastor friends around the world, including a video chat with a dear childhood friend, who is pastoring a large church in Singapore in healthy ways even in this pandemic.

I've come to this conclusion: this is a key opportunity for us to listen well and join the mission of God seeking good, not just for our church alone but for our local community as well. With that in mind, please know pastor Cheryl and I have pulled together a health team comprised of representatives from the Prayer & Comfort team, Servant Leadership Council, a doctor w/ public health background, psychologist, and the pastor team. We'll be using a manual from Wheaton College's Humanitarian Disaster Institute on "Preparing your church for Coronavirus." This guide will help us think through different contingencies and ways Wellspring needs to faithfully respond as we move forward in healthy and helpful ways through the worst of this pandemic. We'll be in touch regarding thoughtful recommendations from this team moving forward.

This coming Sunday, 3/15, amidst all the cancellations around us, please know that we are still open to the community as we pray, praise, and look into the word together. We tend to be a smaller group of under 100—nothing like going to the grocery store these days! If you are healthy and feel good about it, come on by! We're going to have newly sanitized chairs waiting for you and spread far apart. (Pro tip from Singapore & Taiwan: take your temperature at home before going out. Older children & adults-- anything over 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit = stay home).

If you have a fever, if you feel under the weather, or if you're opting out of public spaces to help "flatten the curve," please join us by staying home and watching the livestream. The livestream link will be posted here as well as on Wellspring's public facebook page.

I don't think it's a coincidence that our "Great Adventure" series we planned out weeks ago has us studying Noah, the flood, and the ark this Sunday.

When it looks as though the floods around could wash us away, please know that God has prepared and is preparing a way through. Like Noah, it's going to require us to do some work, but we trust God will be present with us, guiding and leading, even in the details.

These waters will subside. In the meantime, who are we being formed to be? How might God want us to build a way through? I'm praying that we might listen well. Please pray, too.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Rebecca