

March 18, 2020

MESSAGE FROM THE MODERATOR:

Those attending this past Sunday morning's services expressed a strong preference to continue with weekly corporate worship subject to change as further facts and governmental restrictions evolved in the face of the rapidly evolving Coronavirus threat.

Facts and circumstances have certainly changed in just the few days since that congregational sentiment was expressed. Since then the national Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) stipulates now that gatherings should be limited to 10 or less. In responses to these changing conditions the Deacon Board has taken the following action:

*The following decision has been made by the deacons after prayer and taking all known factors to date into consideration: **Worship services are suspended until further notice for the health of our congregation.** We will continually monitor and assess the information on the pandemic covid-19. Please continue to call the church office or a deacon if you or anyone you know is in need. We have volunteers to pray with you or shop for necessities. Please also continue with offerings either on line or through the mail to assure our continued ability to keep our church as strong as our BCCC family member; our congregation.*

The Trustees have subsequently voted to endorse this decision. As such, corporate weekly worship services at Baleville Congregational Christian Church are suspended immediately until such time that we can do so consistent with governmental guidance and perceptions of public health and safety.

Church leadership is committed to make regular ongoing efforts, with messages such as this, to keep the congregation informed. Your prayers are requested for BCCC's leadership, the welfare of our members and indeed our entire community and the world for strength in coping and getting through this crisis.

We are blessed to be able to confront our fears with our faith.

In Christ,

Carl C. Leypoldt

Moderator