

# Our Response to COVID-19



March 13, 11:50AM

McFarlin Family & Norman Community,

We have great care and concern for all people of our church family and the Norman community, and in response to Covid-19 we have taken the following precautions:

- Installed wall-mounted and stand-alone hand sanitizing stations near all entrances and high traffic areas within the church.
- Each of our staff members has received disinfectant wipes to maintain sanitized work and ministry areas
- Our custodial staff are disinfecting entryways, water fountains, bathrooms, the main reception desk, and high-use rooms multiple times daily
- Donuts on Sunday mornings will be served with tongs and plates, and all catered food events will be served by an attendant at no additional cost

Our Senior Leadership Team (pastors, business administrator, executive minister, co-lay leaders, and administrative council chair) has been in frequent communication and are monitoring developments as they occur. We advise you to stay up to date by following the CDC's updates and consulting with your local health care providers.

Jesus' life and ministry were spent healing those who were sick and staying in community with those who were infirmed. Just as it is important for you to know how we are responding to the pandemic, it is equally important that you know how we can continue to worship and live in community with one another during this confusing, stressful time:

- We will worship together on Sunday mornings. If you are ill, please join us via our livestream, which is available through our app and website.
- Download our app – you can listen to sermons, meditate on our midweek reflection and receive important McFarlin updates
- Follow us on Facebook and Instagram and share with one another where you see God at work in your life and in the lives of others; this will serve to connect and encourage one another, two of the ways Jesus modeled for us care for our community

Each day, beginning on Sunday, March 15, McFarlin will send out a prayer notification through our app. This simple prayer will allow us to pray together as a way of remembering God's faithfulness.

Out of an abundance of caution, we have cancelled our Spring Break Mission Trip to South Texas, but all our other ministries and services will continue as planned for now. Should you feel sick or demonstrate symptoms, we encourage you to join us through our livestream and app as you heal and recover. Also, please notify our pastoral care team so that we may offer prayers and care (make a prayer request). Amid difficulty and uncertainty, we remain the body of Christ, and we are committed to drawing together in spirit, even if it means we rely more than ever on the gifts of digital media.

Pastor Linda urges us to be diligent in our care for each other and to remain faithful to our commitment to pray for one another. For any questions or comments regarding McFarlin's response to Covid-19, please contact Executive Minister Michael Andres at [mandres@mcfarlinumc.org](mailto:mandres@mcfarlinumc.org) or Business Administrator Stephen Mitchell at [smitchell@mcfarlinumc.org](mailto:smitchell@mcfarlinumc.org).

Blessings,

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