

## Coronavirus

We want to inform everyone that due to the guidelines and advice from the Assemblies of God and the government we are canceling services at New Life until further notice. Please keep looking at our website for further updates. We will be communicating via email with our congregants and you may feel free to call Pastor Pier at 518.567.9788 with any questions.

We will be setting up some method to have an online streaming devotional on Sundays including some music, prayer and an encouragement from the Word of God. We will keep you informed before Sunday as to the details.

At New Life Assembly, we want to care for our congregation in all respects, including the physical well-being of our community. To that end, we are asking you, our congregants, to take precautions to keep yourself and others safe, especially in light of recent developments with the Coronavirus (COVID-19).

**During this time, here's how we are committed to keeping our church clean** – we will sanitize frequently touched surfaces such as doors, handles, tables, and bathrooms.

During this time, we are asking you to help stop the spread of the virus in the following ways – **practical helps:**

1. Stay at home when you are sick, are sneezing, coughing, running a fever, and take care of yourself.
2. Those with compromised immune systems and the elderly should consider staying home.
3. **Wash your hands** often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom, before eating and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing. Parents make sure your children are washing their hands correctly.
4. Cover your sneeze or cough with a tissue or your arm.
5. Get in the habit of **NOT** touching your face so often.
6. To keep germs of any kind at bay, let's put a pause on handshakes and hugs and stick with huge smiles and warm words!
7. Don't take offense when others around you prefer to avoid hugs and handshakes. Instead, take the opportunity to find unique and fun ways to greet each other.
8. Remember that we (the church) are the body of Jesus Christ and that He has called us to bring light and hope into a darkened fearful world. Our God is in control and He is faithful!
9. If you or someone you know tests positive for COVID-19, **please let us know** so we can find a way to help, pray for everyone involved, and take any necessary precautions here at New Life.

**Stay connected** – all Sunday messages and Bible studies will be uploaded to the Internet.

**Giving** – your faithful giving is deeply appreciated even when you are not here. Please go to our website [www.newlifeaogeg.org](http://www.newlifeaogeg.org) and follow the instructions for your tithing if you are unable to attend due to sickness.

In Psalm 46, we are reminded that it is God who is our refuge and strength, and our ever-present help in trouble. **Therefore, let us not fear, but with confidence use this opportunity to be the hands and feet of Jesus through our prayers and our care for others.**