

Dear Benton Church Family,

The Coronavirus pandemic is a rapidly evolving situation and we are seeking to update our ministry plans in keeping with the most current information available. Our desire is to be supportive of the efforts of the Ontario Ministry of Health and the protocols which they have recommended. The provinces chief medical officer has advised the immediate suspension of all large gatherings due to the risks associated with COVID-19.

In keeping with this advisement, **beginning on Sunday, Benton will be suspending all ministry activities this week.** The church will not be open this Sunday for our Worship Service, Adult classes or Children's ministries. The morning message will be available online early Sunday afternoon at: <https://www.bentonstreetbaptist.org/resources/audio/sermons/>

Our staff will continue to serve in ministry, though we are implementing alternative work arrangements for the protection of our team. The church building and office will remain open with limited access to non-staff members. Please call ahead before visiting.

We continue to trust in God's Word and remember His call "not to be anxious about anything, but in prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God (Phil 4:6)." Having good information about the virus from reputable sources is one good strategy for maintaining a balanced, wise approach to this crisis. If you are seeking more information about the virus please visit <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection/prevention-risks.html>

If you any questions please feel free to email our Parish Nurse, Angela Haines, and she will be happy to give you a call if you include your phone number. Her email address is:

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Please join us in prayer for one another, for our wider community, and for those in leadership in our country in these challenging days.

With joy and peace in Christ,

Your Benton Leadership team