

Dear Aspen Community Church,

Hello! I've missed you!

I wanted to give you a quick update regarding coronavirus, COVID-19 and reopening.

I just got off a call with the Governor and faith leaders across the state.

Overall, Colorado is doing well, especially when compared to Texas, Arizona and Florida. As a state, we are steadily dropping.

Sadly, Pitkin County has seen a 10% rise in cases since June 1. Two local restaurants have seen cases here in Pitkin and another in Basalt. In addition, I'm sure many of you read about the employees at City Market in Basalt.

All that is to say Aspen Community Church will continue to operate from an abundance of caution. Sadly, nine out of ten deaths from COVID-19 are folks over sixty.

90%.

It is why we are moving slow.

When we do come back, know there will be masks, there will be distancing, there won't be singing, and unfortunately, there won't be any gathering time before or after service. These are just a few of the steps we will implement when the time comes for us to come back.

What I was really hoping for regarding this email is your response.

I will keep these email responses to my question confidential. Only my eyes will see your response to the question.

And the question is simply: If it was up to YOU, when would you like us to gather back together?

We will continue to use state and local data to make an informed decision, but I think part of that data is hearing your thoughts.

I would like you to respond with your answers to my personal email:

jerryships@gmail.com

Thank you for taking the time to read this and for your responses.

Please stay healthy, try to stay positive and please wash your hands.

All good things,

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