

SNOW CLOSURE POLICY-Feb 2020

In the event of an expected or ongoing heavy or dangerous snow affecting the immediate area of the church, the following policy will be followed in determining whether to cancel worship or other planned church events:

1. The Pastor and the Moderator of the Church will confer and decide whether to close the church. Other key people involved in planned events will also be consulted.
2. The decision whether to cancel the next morning's worship service(s) shall be made, if possible, by 8:00 pm the night preceding, but in all cases by 8 am the morning of.
3. The factors to be considered include:
 - a. Safety for travelers to and from church;
 - b. Condition of the parking lot, and doorways leading into the church;
 - c. Availability of musicians, Sunday School teachers, and liturgists given the weather conditions;
 - d. Whether a special event has been planned for church;
 - e. The weather forecast over the next 24 hours.
4. Once a decision has been made, the Pastor and Moderator will work together to inform the congregation and the public:
 - a. Notice will be given to the Music Director, Musician(s), and the Head Deacon, who will in turn inform their staff;
 - b. The Pastor will cause a notice to be displayed on the church sign, on the church website and on FaceBook;
 - c. Notice will be given to the Sunday School teachers, Liturgist, and Hospitality hosts;
 - d. Leadership will text or call or email as many persons as possible, but in the event of snow, all congregants are asked to check the website, FaceBook, or text the pastor or Moderator.
5. The Pastor will decide whether to cancel planned church events other than on Sunday in consultation with the Moderator and any other concerned event leaders.
6. Church Council may amend these procedures at any time by majority vote, after notice and opportunity for all concerned persons to voice their opinions or wishes.