



Berwick AG Return to In-person Service Update

It's hard to believe that we're about 10 months into this pandemic. It doesn't seem like it should've been that long. It also at times is hard to remember what life was like before all of this started.

Recently, we've seen a "spike" in COVID cases (to borrow an oft-used phrase) in the Berwick area. This has been reflected as well in our church. We currently are at 8 known positives and 6 families at least partially in quarantine due to exposure.

The Board has been meeting weekly and discussing the best possible options for our church using the following decision-making criteria:

1. Information that is known to be accurate and up-to-date
2. Scripture and its role of informing not just our *faith* but also our *practice*
3. Available wisdom and knowledge concerning best practices to serve both our church and community well

As a result, and after some extended conversation among the Board, we've chosen to delay our return to in-person services at least one more week. **Service will be online only on January 10th and 13th.**

It may not need to be said, but we *want* to say it: we don't prefer online-only services and very much want to return to in-person services ASAP. But we are fully committed to ensuring that we do our best to protect our church. As we do that, we ask that grace and understanding be extended in the navigation of an ever-changing situation.

We value faith. We value wisdom. We also value you. YOU are why we serve the way we serve and we look forward seeing you in person again soon!