

Uptown Church, Chicago, IL– Response to COVID-19

From Pastor Jeremy Falk

Here are some proactive steps we are taking to help in the midst of crisis. Maybe these ideas can help prompt some creative ministry in other churches:

- Website set up to recruit volunteers, offer help, and provide a place for people to give to the relief efforts: uptowncov.org/corona
- We have 35 people who are making themselves available to meet needs for our most vulnerable in Uptown and Edgewater as they arise. People are willing to:
 - pray over the phone with people
 - send emails/texts/cards
 - pick up/deliver medicines, groceries, and other essentials
 - help put provision packages together
- We have contacted the alderman in Uptown and Edgewater and are part of the community response team coordinated by local leaders
- We are putting plans in place to stream services and offer daily prayer/devotions via the web

Also, we just had an article written about us since our local alderman is promoting our relief response. You can read it here:

- <https://blockclubchicago.org/2020/03/17/uptown-church-rallies-members-to-buy-supplies-help-neighbors-during-outbreak/>

Stay safe and healthy!