

BAD WEATHER POLICY

EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

PROCEDURE FOR CANCELING WORSHIP SERVICES

(As adopted by the Worship Ministry at their January 4, 2010 meeting)

The Clerk of Session contacts the Facilities Manager and the decision is made to not hold one or more services of worship. This is done no later than 10:00 PM on Saturday evening before Sunday worship. For special worship services, or extraordinary circumstances, this will be done no less than four hours before the time the scheduled service is to begin. (Examples: Christmas Eve and Ash Wednesday.)

The Clerk of Session contacts the Pastor, the Web Site Manager, the Moderator of the Board of Deacons, the Moderator of the Board of Trustees, and at least one Elder. The Web Site Manager posts the appropriate information on the web site. The Moderator of the Board of Deacons, and the Moderator of the Board of Trustees contact the members of their respective boards.

The Pastor contacts the Director of Music, and the Director of Youth Ministries. The Director of Music contacts the Chancel Choir and the local TV station, and places the announcement on our church telephone system. The Director of Youth Ministries contacts the youth. The Pastor will send an e-mail notification to the members of Session.

Members of the congregation who are considering attending church will have the option of checking the church web site, calling the church bad weather line (6), or calling one of the Elders or Deacons.

If a service is to be held later in the day, the Moderator of the Facilities Management Committee and the Moderator of the Board of Trustees shall be responsible for contacting the appropriate volunteer church members to perform the tasks necessary to ensure the safety and welfare of those attending worship. Such tasks may include, but not be limited to, snow removal from parking lots, drives, and sidewalks, distribution of salt, and arrangements for valet parking for older and/or handicapped members.

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The Clerk of Session, the Facilities Manager and the Pastor will confer to make a decision whether to not hold one or more services of worship. This is to be done no later than 10:00 PM on Saturday evening before Sunday worship. For special worship services, or extraordinary circumstances, this will be done no less than four hours before the time the scheduled service is to begin. (Examples: Christmas Eve and Ash Wednesday.)

The Pastor will contact the Director of Music to have him place a message on the Church answering machine. The Pastor will post a note on the Church website. The Clerk will send an email to Session members and heads of the other Boards.

Members of the congregation who are considering attending church will have the option of checking the church web site, calling the church for a message, or calling the Clerk.

If a service or function is to be held later in the day, the Pastor or the Clerk shall be responsible for contacting the appropriate parties involved to determine the advisability for the service or function. If the service is to proceed, arrangements will have to be made with Facilities Manager. It may be necessary to obtain volunteer church members to perform the tasks necessary to ensure the safety and welfare of those attending worship. Such tasks may include, but not be limited to, snow removal from parking lots, drives, and sidewalks, distribution of salt, and arrangements for valet parking for older and/or handicapped members.

All members need to be aware that the parking lots will not be plowed until the snow has stopped. No early plowing requests will be honored.

Approved by Session November 16, 2015.