

ONLINE SMALL GROUP OPTIONS

HEY COMMUNITY! 🙌

Even though we aren't meeting in large groups for in-person services, we want to make sure everyone was aware that Small Groups are NOT canceled - we will have to get more creative about how to connect with one another. 😊

As we navigate this difficult season, we need to take precautions about social distancing, but we also need to make sure we don't slide into social isolating. Connecting on-line could be a great option for your group as a way to meet! There are many options for meeting digitally, but here are three of our favorites that are easily accessible and user-friendly.



OPTION 1 | FACEBOOK MESSENGER FOR MOBILE DEVICES

There is a free video chat option with anyone that has a Facebook account and Messenger app on their mobile device. In the Messenger app, click on the icon in the top right corner. Choose all the people you would like to add to your video chat. Then, choose the camera in the top right corner to begin the live video chat. Participants have the ability to mute themselves and chat during the video chat.



OPTION 2 | ZOOM.US FOR MOBILE OR COMPUTER

Zoom is an excellent platform to hold a group as it provides options to set up group meetings with stable video support. It is free for meetings up to 40 minutes. A monthly subscription for group meetings beyond 40 minutes is affordable. Zoom provides the ability to chat and upload resources during the meeting. There are breakout room options as well. Zoom can be easily downloaded on a computer, phone or tablet. Meetings can be scheduled with links sent to participants for access to the meeting.



OPTION 3 | GOOGLE HANGOUTS

Hangouts is another viable option for group video meetings. It is easy to add people to a group and share a link for joining the group. The organizer of the group must hold a Google/Gmail account, however other participants do not.

If you do still choose to meet in person at someone's home, continue to use common sense precautions. Keep space between you (3-6 feet), trade hugs and handshakes for smiles, and of course, wash your hands often!

We encourage you to figure out other ways to stay connected during this season. Maybe start a text group chat where you can share prayer requests with one another. Figure out how to come together to meet the needs of your group, your neighbors and your local communities. **This is the perfect time for us to be Hero Makers who serve our neighbors!**

We're here to help you as well if you need! Reach out to your Small Group Director or send an email to hello@communitychristian.org.