

WHAT WE ARE DOING

Ongoing Prayer. Your church staff is praying vigorously for you and for our way forward. We are also regularly consulting state officials, health experts, and Methodist leaders for best practices. As Methodists, our first rule is to “do no harm.”

Additional Cleaning and Sanitizing. Cleaning and sanitizing measures will be taken before you arrive (before each service).

One Worship Space. Both the 8:15 a.m. worship service (contemporary) and the 10:30 a.m. worship service (traditional) will be in the fellowship hall for the time being.

Masks. Because masks must be worn by all persons on church premises, you are asked to bring your own mask or face covering. However, if you need a mask, we will have masks available at the check-in counter when you enter. (Gloves are optional and will be available if desired.)

Hand Sanitizer Stations. In addition to our regular hand sanitizer in the lobby and fellowship hall, we have two new touch-less hand sanitizer stations.

Shorter Services. Initially, our in-person worship services will be about 45 minutes each.

Hands-free Experience.

Doors. All doors will be open for you whenever possible. Enter the building by the center door of the lobby to the fellowship hall. You will exit through either of the two doors on the West wall in the fellowship hall.

Collection boxes. Donation boxes will be available in two locations in the fellowship hall. E-Giving is available 24/7 via your smart phone.

Paper. No paper programs or bulletins will be distributed at this time.

Seating Space. During this first stage, we have reduced our seating area to a maximum of 50 and we have removed rows to enable households/persons to sit at least 6 feet apart.

Children’s Church and Nursery. Our children’s church and nursery will NOT be offered at this time. Children are always welcome to sit with their family. So that children can be in worship, parents have asked that Sunday morning children’s Zoom be discontinued to avoid conflicts.

Sunday School. No classes or groups will meet in-person initially. On-line classes *may* continue (consult class leader or teacher for details).

Coffee, Donuts, Water Fountains. No food or drinks of any kind will be served at this time.

Waves, Handshakes, and Hugs. At this time, to promote social distancing, we are asking all staff and volunteers to use “waves” and refrain from handshakes and hugs.

WHAT WE ARE ASKING YOU TO DO

Pray and Be Patient. Please be in daily prayer as we move forward. And be patient. These are difficult times and we are all making the way as we walk it.

Personal Health Considerations. We are asking you to be mindful of your own health condition. If you are sick in any way, are exhibiting any COVID symptoms, or have had close contact with a person with COVID-19 within the last 14 days, please stay home and enjoy our worship online.

At-Risk Groups. Based on guidelines from health experts, if you are under 6, over 65, or have a pre-existing medical condition that would put you at a higher risk, we strongly encourage you to enjoy our worship online at home.

Masks and Face Coverings. You are asked to bring your own mask or personal face covering. However, if you need a mask, we will have masks for you at the door at check-in. This is not a matter of freedom but of Christ-like love and care. At this time, everyone on our church grounds or in our building must wear a mask.

Sign-In. All persons will sign-in at the welcome table at the entrance. This is not just for pre-registered seats, it also gives us a list for “contact tracing” if needed. “Sign-in” is 10 minutes before the stated start time for worship until 10 minutes after the stated start time. Unclaimed seats then become available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Keep Your Distance. We are asking you to practice physical distancing and remain 6 feet from others whenever possible. We know it is against our nature not to fellowship, but please do not mingle or congregate at this time. Practice social distancing not only in the Fellowship Hall but also while entering the building, leaving the building, and even in the parking lot.

No Food or Drinks. We are asking you to not bring any food or drink to church during this time. (Baby bottles for infants are exempt.)

Save Your Seat. Please understand that at this time, advance registration is necessary. Our seating capacity is limited at this time to enable social distancing. To also make it possible for you to join in (in a safe and orderly way), we are asking everyone to *save your seat* for an upcoming service. It’s easy. Just call **Becky** (our secretary) in the church office during the week before at **615-672-7400**. Registration closes at 4 p.m. on Thursday prior to Sunday’s worship, or when all available seats have been reserved. At-the-door attenders and visitors will be admitted as seats are available.

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