

I pray this note will find you in good spirits and health. Like many of you, our leadership team has been trying to sort through all the information that is bombarding us about church, social distancing and proper procedures. Let me share with you what we believe (at this hour) to be our way forward in good faith.

One of John Wesley's rules for the church is "Do no harm." In keeping that thought in mind the leadership team made the following decisions:

In-person worship will begin on June 7th in a limited capacity. There will be two services, 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM. The number allowed in each service will be 50 people. We are using your responses on the card we sent out for you to return to determine how to allot 50 people per service.

- During Phase 1 and perhaps 2: when you arrive you will be asked a series of questions and have your temperature taken. The questions and temperature will screen for possible COVID-19 related issues. Your name will be taken for contact tracing should a problem develop.
- Seating will be assigned by the ushers. Once your family enters the sanctuary you will be directed to the assigned seats, which will be covered with plastic. We will not be able to move about and visit with each other as social distancing must be strictly observed.
- Worship services will be shorter. We will try to hold them to less than 45 minutes to limit exposure and use of bathrooms. Everyone who is present must wear a mask. If you or your children are not comfortable wearing a mask then Phase 1 is not the time to attend. There will be no singing by the congregation. We do think we have a means by which a very limited number of singers could offer music, but this is still in the planning stage.
- Communion will not be celebrated when we are together in the sanctuary. Thus, we will have online communion on May 31st and not on the first Sunday of June.
- Livestreaming is here to stay. If you are unable to attend worship in person, you will be able to participate online with us.
- In a couple of weeks we will be posting a video of what it will be like to come to worship. This will give you a good idea of what to expect when you arrive.

Sunday school classes will not be able to meet in the building. Some of our classes are meeting via zoom and at least one is meeting under the trees during the week using safe distancing. We want to encourage our classes to stay engaged especially through zoom meetings.

Day Camp will start on a limited basis. The camp will be limited in numbers with less than half of previous years. The students will be children of essential workers. There are **very strict** guidelines that the camp will follow.

Of course, as we all know everything is subject to change. So the plans we make today may very well be different tomorrow. Please know we are doing our best to be safe and caring for all of us.

I continue to pray for each of you and know you are doing the same for me. As we continue to live into the future we know that we are not alone. God is goes before and walks with us every step.

Blessings,

Rev. Tom