

REOPENING ANNOUNCEMENT

Dear Friends:

After much discernment and the completion of necessary upgrades to the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall, the Reopening Team has decided that the time has come to move our Sunday 10:00 AM worship service indoors beginning on **November 8**. It will be even more important that when the move is made indoors we remain vigilant in our mask wearing and social distancing.

Rest assured that all possible measures have been taken to ensure that everyone's safety remains the highest priority. The Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall have been, and will continue to be, professionally cleaned after each service, followed by sanitizing all hard surfaces by a team of volunteers. We will use either a sanitizing spray mist or wipes to sanitize pews, doors, hand-sanitizers, and, in Fellowship Hall, window cranks and locks, tables and chairs. All hymnals, bibles, pencils and paper have been removed from pews to prevent contact spreading of germs.

To improve ventilation in the Sanctuary, our HVAC has been set to maximum outside air as a percent of air flow, and we will leave the interior doors open for maximum air circulation in the Narthex as well. In Fellowship Hall, we have the ability to open windows for fresh air ventilation. If it is too cold for opening of some windows, we can use the exhaust fan system coupled with opening of two windows on either side of FH to draw fresh air in.

In addition, we have developed a protocol that requires all persons participating in indoor worship to wear masks covering nose and mouth at all times. Seating will be well spaced to allow for social distancing to be maintained. Ushers will direct congregants where to sit in order to minimize compromising social distance. Space will be left unoccupied near the praise team and in front of the pastors. Congregational singing will not be permitted. Hand sanitizers will be available near the entrance.

Please remember that you are invited to watch the service online (Facebook or YouTube) if you are exhibiting any symptoms or have come into contact with a person who has tested positive for COVID-19, or if you're just not ready to return to indoor worship.

For more information about reopening, please click on this link https://www.meetwithgod.com/wp-content/uploads/home_page/fumc_reopening_faq.pdf to view the FAQ page on our website. As we move to indoor services, let's work together to remain as safe as possible as the pandemic continues.

Grace and Peace!

Pastor Tom