

COVID-19 TEAM UPDATE



IN-PERSON WORSHIP RESUMES SUNDAY, JULY 5

Dear friends,

We are pleased to outline our plans for in-person worship beginning Sunday, July 5. Our guiding principle as we went about our work was to *Do No Harm*. Many of you may recognize that statement as the first of John Wesley's Three General Rules for Christian Living. We are grateful to the Medical Advisory Team made up of medical professionals from Christ Church for helping us identify how we can safely return. The recommendations of the Medical Advisory Team as well as the guidelines from the Kentucky Conference of the United Methodist Church and the Commonwealth of Kentucky helped us to create our return to in-person worship plans.

We know from the congregational survey that over 700 of you completed that we do not all agree on the precautions we should take. We are not all ready to return to in-person worship. Wherever your feelings lie, please know that we have done our best to create environments where our congregation can gather for meaningful worship, both online and in-person, in a safe and meaningful way. We also note that these plans are for our *initial* return to in-person worship. As we learn more and as conditions of COVID-19 warrant, we will update the precautions and expand in-person gatherings as we are able.

WHEN & WHERE

- In-person worship resumes on Sunday, July 5.
- We will have one service at 11:15 am in our Sanctuary.
- Seating will be limited in the Sanctuary to allow for social distancing; you may participate in worship in Fellowship Hall through the large video screen.
- No registration for attending worship is necessary.

CHRIST CHURCH PREPARATIONS

- The pews will be marked for seating to allow for social distancing.
- Pew cushions, hymnals, and Bibles have been temporarily removed from the Sanctuary so that they are not damaged as part of the regular disinfecting regimen.
- Hand sanitizers will be available.
- All areas in the building that are open will be cleaned and disinfected before and after each use.
- Doors will be propped open so that handles will not need to be touched.
- No food, coffee, or water fountains will be available.
- No Sunday School or nursery will be offered in-person in the initial phase.

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PERSONAL PRECAUTIONS

- If you are in an at-risk group or are exhibiting any symptoms on the enclosed card, please stay home and watch the worship service online at www.ccum.net/live.
- Wear a mask covering both nose and mouth at all times.
- Practice social distancing, which means staying six feet away from others who are not in your household.
- Refrain from handshakes and hugging.
- You are encouraged to avoid using the restrooms as much as possible.
- Children are welcome and will remain with their parents and must follow all guidelines. Infants are not required to wear masks.

WORSHIP SERVICE

- Printed bulletins will not be available. Bulletins will be available electronically at www.ccum.net/live or can be printed from the *eNews* that arrives in your email on Fridays.
- There will be no congregational singing. We will continue to enjoy small ensembles from the Music Ministry.

ONLINE OPTIONS

- Online worship will continue at www.ccum.net/live at the same time as in-person worship, 11:15 am.
- The online worship experience will be enhanced with the ability to make personal prayer requests and to interact through chat with members of our staff and with each other, if you choose.
- You can participate in this interactive online worship at 9 and 11:15 am.
- Recordings of past worship services and Sunday School are available at www.ccum.net/church.
- Online Sunday School will continue to be offered on Sundays at 10 am.

OTHER ON-SITE GATHERINGS

- For now, only 11:15 am Sunday worship will be offered in-person.
- Guidelines for group use of the building during the week are being finalized.
- To request use of the building, either indoors or outdoors, please visit www.ccum.net/request to submit your request.
- Activities for children and youth will continue to take place online or socially distanced outside.

We are excited to take this first step toward offering an in-person worship option for those who are ready. Your continued prayers and support are welcomed.

In Christ,

The COVID-19 Transition Team

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