Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On June 7th we will begin worshipping together again in our Sanctuary at both 8:30 and 10:40. We will be celebrating communion on the 7th. How we have missed our fellowship together and our corporate worship! We (the Elders) realize there is still a need for care and caution. We believe it is possible to be together and safe. The good news is between our Sanctuary and our Fellowship Hall we have a lot of capacity and a lot of space. To assure safety we are instituting these procedures for worship and building use…

- Upon entering or departing the building please maintain a 6 foot distance between others in the parking lot and entering the building.
- Every other pew will be roped off. This assures distance between congregants. As a person or family enters a pew a 6 foot distance should be maintained between people or families in the same pew. Greet each other with a smile and a wave
- The Fellowship Hall will be set up with rows of chairs 7 feet apart
- All music and scripture will be projected on the walls. Hymnals will be removed.
- Churches are exempt from the mask law. However, we urge you to wear masks. Leadership on stage will not wear mask as they are separated by over 20 feet from congregation.
- Pews and chairs will be wiped down and sanitized after each worship service.
- Dismissal will be by rows from the back forward. Individuals in the Fellowship Hall please depart by door closest to parking lot. Individuals in the Sanctuary please depart through main Sanctuary Doors.
- Bathrooms will have sanitizing wipes available. Please use the wipes before and after use of any area that is touched.
- Offering plates will be available at back of Fellowship Hall and back of Sanctuary
- When communion is served (oh how we have missed communion) we will ask everyone to come forward one pew at a time (from front to back) still maintaining distance. Elements will be on tables separated so a person only touches his or her own elements. Preparation will be by individuals who are masked and gloved.
- We will not have Sunday School or Children at Worship at this time.
- Nursery and all other Sunday School rooms will be open for child care… but parents must provide own supervision. All toys used must be wiped down by parents

We will continue to record the service and provide it electronically. It will not be available until later on Sunday (unless Comcast completes the new internet install). I am very much looking forward to seeing you this Sunday. I too will wave at you!

Doug

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

- Decided to begin worship on the 7th of June with celebration of communion
- Had long discussion on procedures for worship (see above letter).
- Approved use of building for all committee meetings and normal church activities
- Approved previously scheduled Mission Trip by Youth in July
- Received update on upgrading internet. This will allow us to live stream our services. Comcast has installed cable into church but has not yet scheduled the final install.
- Approved a Recognition of graduates Sunday to be held in June.
- Approved a survey of our parents of children to see desires for VBS and Sunday school

Thank you to Nathan Book for rewiring (both phone and internet) the entire church in preparation for the new phone and internet service

Thank you to Nancy Bretz and Cindy Bell for their many hours caring for and upgrading the church landscaping. New shrubs have been added.

Thank you to Nathan and Gary who have worked for the past couple of months upgrading our sound and video capabilities and for faithfully working each week to produce our on line services

Thank you to all who led our worship services the past couple of months. Without their work we could never have had worship.

Thank you to Judy (Ashley's mom) for coming each week and caring for Emma so Ashley could lead our music.

Thank you for your faithful giving during the past three months. Our income is very close to our normal income. We will continue to receive gifts on Sunday mornings, in the mail, and on line

We are in need of additional volunteers to be trained to serve in our sound room. With the continuation of streaming the service we need two people in the booth. If you are willing to serve Gary and Nathan will train you. Please contact the church office.

Someone will be in the office (Addie, Doug or both) Tuesday to Friday mornings from 9:00 to 12:00

Worship committee will meet Thursday June 4th at 6:30. Administration Committee will meet June 8th at 8:00. Session will meet June 18th at 7:00

Men's Bible Study will meet at the church on June 13th at 8:00 AM. Donuts will be served.

We are looking for Summer music volunteers. Contact Donna to schedule a date.

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JOIN US FOR WORSHIP!
Sunday Schedule:

8:30a.m. – Contemporary Worship Service

10:40a.m. – Traditional Worship Service