

Holcombe United Methodist Church.

Hello fellow congregates,

A meeting on how to get back to worship was called and held, the primary reason for this meeting being "what will be the guidelines, who, when and how to go about worshipping together again."

Our Bishop has stated after the 15th of June to start up with guidelines in place. With that in mind we offered up the 21st of June as the first Sunday back and in agreement it is passed. Anyone and everyone is welcomed to send an email to Pastor or your Admin council with any concerns you may have with coming back together. Whether agreeing or not, we want to hear from you. Service may at times be held outside weather permitting and using safe guidelines.

Following the Bishop's "COVID 19 Task Team's" guidelines, we have come up with our guidelines according to what we feel is most important for our congregation. Please read the following and feel free to contact Pastor or Admin. council with any concerns you may have to our list.

1. If you are ill, been in contact with a COVID 19 tested positive person or just plain feel uncomfortable coming together, PLEASE stay home.
2. Social distancing needs to be observed and respected. 6 feet apart, no loitering, no hugging, or handshakes.
3. Hand Sanitizer... please do not hesitate to use...we have enough!
4. Mask wearing is required, if you can wear one please do! Disposable ones need to be disposed of in the trash receptacle, non-throwaway ones are to be taken with you to wash and reused. If need a mask, contact Pastor Paul!
5. After using the restroom, please use sanitizing wipes to wipe handles on toilet, sink and doors, then dispose of the wipe in the waste receptacle as appropriate, wipes will be provided. (Do Not flush).
6. When you enter the church please do not congregate at the back, but go in and be seated, filling from front to back to limit passing so close to many others. Pews will be separated and while families will sit together (as in households) others need to be seated at the recommend distance apart.
7. Bulletins and other worship items will be on table please only handle and take one as you walk in and then taken home or dispose of it in the refuse, recycling basket by the front door. Thank you!
8. Offering plates will not be passed but placed on a table going into sanctuary. Please place offering there on way in or way out of sanctuary, thank you! If not going to attend, please send offering to the church as the bills still need to be paid. Again, Thank you!
9. No clipboards to be passed, but please volunteer when and as needed. Thank you!

10. No fellowship or choir until further notice and no hymnals will be in the pews to help curb the spreading of germs.

11. Dismissal will be from back to the front. Again, be respectful of social distancing. Again no loitering and keeping the recommended distance from others.

12. Children's time will resume at a later date

We hope this is helpful and gives you a feeling of safety in rejoining as a congregation. Pastor will still post the service online, but later in the day. Also because of no singing and no passing of the offering plates, the service may be a little shorter.

God's will be done, not ours. Therefore, be of open minds, open hearts, and open doors... again!

We are looking forward to meeting and welcoming everyone back to the Holcombe UMC