

Wesley United Methodist Church Outside Worship Gatherings of 50 or less People

Wesley United Methodist Church is providing requirements regarding in-person worship outdoors in and around the picnic shelter. All in-person gatherings will be limited to no more than 50 persons with face coverings and 6-foot social distancing between all persons (excepting those who reside in the same household). You must commit to the following requirements in order to participate in any in-person worship on Wesley's UMC property. The following additional steps will be taken to support the wellness and safety of all worship participants.

1. Trained Wesley Volunteers/Servants (by the HCT) will be responsible for ensuring all attendees adhere to all requirements. Should anyone at any time not comply, they will stop worship until met, if not then worship will end immediately.
2. The Church Office will communicate to all church community members & guests the time of gathering and requirements for attendance.
3. Upon the arrival of each individual a Trained Wesley Greeter will present the "Entryway Health Acknowledgement Poster" and ask all questions of each attendee. If all answers are yes, attendees will provide name and contact information. Greeter will use a preprinted contact list of congregants with space for adding guests. This will be recorded and kept in the church office. Form can be found at <http://doc.vaumc.org/News2020/HealthAcknowledgementPoster.pdf>
4. During Entryway Health Check conversation, attendees must indicate whether they have checked their own temperature before arriving, if not temperature will be checked by Trained Wesley Greeter. Greeter will note that temperature has been taken. (Temperature must be less than 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit)
5. **If you are ill, stay at home.**
6. All attendees will park so that physical-social distancing (6 feet) from others can be maintained as attendees travel between vehicles and the worship area.
7. When leaving your vehicle upon arrival and departure, make sure to abide by physical distancing. If someone is parked beside you, wait for them to get out of their vehicle and move at least 6 feet away.
8. All attendees over age 2 must wear face covering. Put on face covering before leaving your vehicle and keep it on until back in your vehicle. The nose and mouth must be covered at all times. The church will not provide any face coverings.
9. Pastor, musicians, worship leaders, and lay readers will wear masks at all times.
10. If picnic tables are used, disinfect after use.
11. Individuals will bring their own chair.
12. No handshakes, hugging, or physical contact between persons not in the same household.
13. No refreshments of food or drink. Face coverings must be worn at all times.
14. No shared materials or handouts. All materials will be digital or brought from home and carried home.
15. No restroom facilities will be available. Church building will not be accessible. Playground is closed.
16. No congregational singing. Humming is welcome. Soloists may sing while masked and at extended distances as required by guidance in the TAM and the CDC.
17. Communion will be observed with individually prepackaged elements or those brought from home. Masks may be removed momentarily by the ear loops to receive elements, then worn for the remainder of time together.
18. These requirements, social distancing instructions, and mask wearing directions will be posted on site.

The information presented comes from the Centers for Disease Control, Virginia Department of Health, guidance and requirements from the Technical Assistance Manual of the Virginia United Methodist Conference, and the York River District Superintendent who approved this plan. If you have any questions, please contact the church office at 838-3044. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding and patience during these uncertain times.

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