

Hello SUMC Church Family and Friends!

For July 5th, we will worship online and in person at 10:30 ONE worship gathering. We will open the doors for seating at 10:10 and encourage you to plan ahead with reading these details ahead of time, so you are prepared to enter and be seated in a timely fashion. Please plan to arrive in time to be seated.

Wednesday Midweek FOCUS Worship will also move inside on July 8th. Please follow the same guidelines listed below. We may find it is nice enough to gather outside some weeks for this time together and will let you know weekly via text alert/ONE call alerts. Online offerings will continue for this worship also.

We will add back in the 8:15 worship gathering as we have the number/need to expand in person. Until then, we will provide “overflow” into the Fellowship Hall. You would be directed to pick out your own chair and place it in your unit/bubble spread six feet apart. Afterwards, you return the chair as directed and then they will be cleaned. All of the pews/chairs are disinfected after worship by Campbell’s Cleaning.

Of Note... Please read fully...

Building Usage:

- The front RED DOORS on 5th street will be where you will enter and exit for all SUMC Church family and friends gathering times. We have reserved the back/east doors for BBCDC/Food Net. July will find us having a “soft opening” with Tuesday and Thursdays from 9-3 as times you might access the office area. Call ahead to be sure the building is open. The black mailbox has a locked area where you can leave notes/checks/etc.

Sundays and Wednesdays:

- A Welcome Team will help direct flow into the sanctuary each worship gathering.
- If you or anyone in your household is sick, or if you are at high risk of contracting the virus, you are encouraged to stay home and continue to worship with us online until further notice. (Please monitor your health symptoms to help you make the best decision about attendance. Please do not attend if you have a temperature or are sick.)
- In order to follow the state-distancing guidelines, we have determined that we can seat 60 or so people into units/bubbles or groups who live/stay together. We have two areas reserved for those with young children, at the back, in the event you need space to spread out a bit more or your unit/bubble group will feel more secure behind the glass at the back of the sanctuary.
- Please maintain six-foot distancing as you enter. You will be ushered to a seating location so that the sanctuary is filled from the front to the back. Please stay seated until it is time to exit, unless you have an emergency/restroom need.
- **You are strongly encouraged to wear masks at all times.** Pastors, musicians, and readers are excluded for their parts of the service, as they will be more than 12-20 feet away from the pews where folks are sitting. Shields will be used as they are able to be used. Please bring your own

masks. The SUMC team will provide you with a cloth mask if you do not have one. We will have a few available each week. This will be for you to keep and bring with you to future services.

- Pews will not have any books, etc. in them. Bring your own bibles/bulletins which are posted online ahead of time. The screen will be used also for sharing of the bulletins/words to read. Singing is discouraged at this time. Our worship team will lead in singing, and we encourage soft clapping, snapping, or moving of hands to the music. Listen deeply to the words at this time.
- Offerings will be gathered at the door when you leave the sanctuary. There will be a box or basket for you to place these. As always, you can mail in items or drop them in the front black locked box for offerings. Please note on your envelope/check what they are for. Many thanks!
- Physical distancing is to be maintained at all times. Children will stay in pews during the Children's Time. There will be no children's bags. Feel free to bring your own items for children to use. Be sure to have some conversation with your children/young people about the "changes" they will see, hear, and be asked to do. Help to prepare them ahead of time for this to ease any anxiety they may have and to answer the questions they have. Children need this added time, before we meet in person. Thank you!!!
- If a child needs to leave the sanctuary to use the bathroom, a parent/guardian is to accompany them. Please use restrooms for emergency use only. We ask that you spray/clean things you might touch inside the restrooms.
- Holy Communion is to be brought by you for your unit/bubble. Bring juice/water in a closed container and bread/crackers in a ziplock. Elements will be blessed during worship. Those participating in worship online will gather items for home usage also.
- After our worship gathering you will be dismissed in an orderly manner out the building, as directed by our Welcome Team.
- After worship, please go directly outside and maintain physical distancing on the lawn/parking lot areas as folks are leaving.

Many thanks for assisting with these efforts to find our new normal in these times. Thank you for reading and following these procedural guidelines.

Your SUMC Pastors and Staff appreciate your continued support and grace in these times!