
June 7th Church Council Meeting, 3 p.m. will Plan Restart

As of now there is not a set date for the return of worship, but I assure you it will be very soon. We will have a meeting of the church council, staff members, all ushers, and all trustees on Sunday June 7th at 3 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Those who assemble will be asked to social distance. The purpose of the meeting will be to inform everyone about the guidelines to be followed by all persons gathering at the church property. Church leaders will help us follow these guidelines. The date of in-person worship restart will be determined by the June 7th afternoon meeting. I am anxious also to gather for worship and we look forward to that day.

United Methodist Denomination's Guidelines

Minimum Guidelines for Reopening

1. Any person entering the building must be asymptomatic. Consider using a touchless thermometer to take temperatures at the door.
2. Masks must be worn by all clergy and staff so as to be the best possible example. Use your common sense to decide whether to wear your mask while preaching/leading worship.
3. It is strongly advised that all laity wear masks while in attendance.
4. Masks and hand sanitizer should be made available to every person who enters the building.
5. Safe social distancing should be practiced in all seating. Only those from the same household should sit less than six feet apart.
6. All doors should be propped open to limit the number of times they are touched.
7. Bulletins should not be handed out. Use verbal announcements, projector systems, social media, websites, and other media for announcements and communication.
8. Because viruses can survive on paper and hard surfaces for hours, consider removing all hymnals, Bibles, and papers from the pews in the settings where multiple services will occur in the same space on the same day.
9. Offering plates should not be passed from person to person. Create a place for members to drop their offering into a container that will allow them to follow safety standards.

10. Greet one another without physically touching and avoid the tradition of passing the peace or having a greeting time as a part of worship.
11. Choirs, congregational singing, and responsive readings may increase potential spread of the virus. Consider solos, instrumental music, humming, or hand movements to replace these activities for a creative group worship experience.
12. Consider how to celebrate the sacraments, baptism and communion, and remain safe. Pre-packaged communion elements are a simple way to keep contact to a minimum. A shared cup and loaf are discouraged.
13. Consider shortening the duration of worship services to reduce exposure to a crowd.
14. Think through the movement of people in your building. Consider dismissing in a systematic way to ensure there is social distancing.
15. Consider reducing the number of people allowed in a restroom at one time and having a team to clean the sinks, toilets, and stall doors in the restrooms after each use.
16. Be sure to thoroughly disinfect repeatedly touched surfaces after every use, including but not limited to door handles, handrails, light switches, pews/seats, tables, countertops, and any other surface that is touched throughout the building.
17. Hand sanitizers and wipes should be readily available in all areas that are open for use: sanctuaries, restrooms, hallways, church office, etc.
18. There should be no food or drink being served or available for public consumption in the buildings at any time. This includes coffee/snack time, congregation-wide meals, and/or fellowship times as it is difficult to maintain safe distancing. Cover water fountains to prevent use.
19. Nursery, Sunday school for children and children's moments in worship should not be offered at this time. Consider following your local school system's guidelines and protocols as a guide for when to resume.
20. Small groups (even those with 10 or fewer) should only be held where all safe-distancing guidelines can be practiced. Room size and ratio are important to consider when reopening buildings.
21. You must have a plan in place for when a member of the congregation tests positive for COVID-19. Keep accurate attendance records for worship or any gathering. When someone tests positive within 14 days of attending an event in your building, all people who had been present will need to be notified and a more in depth cleaning will be necessary.

You Can See that Restarting is Not that Easy

Our church is not planning to provide masks. Hopefully, everybody already has masks and you are wearing them in all public locations. Our church supply company cannot provide the following that we need: cleaning wipes, disinfectant spray, rubber gloves, and hand sanitizer refill bottles or large dispensers. As you are out shopping please consider picking up these items to donate to the church. Drop them by the church or bring them to the first in-person worship service with that date to be announced.

We Celebrate Our Graduates!

The Class of 2020 has faced more challenges than any other graduating class in recent years. Their senior year was abruptly brought to a halt in March due to Covid-19. Classes had to be finished online, no spring sports, no proms, no Senior class activities and traditions. Instead of following traditions like classes before them, they are making new traditions. It has certainly been a challenging few months but they will come out on top and go forward with the ability to handle life's uncertainties. We at Brundidge UMC are proud to have 2 high school graduates and 3 college graduates for the Class of 2020.



High School Graduates:

Trevor Bryan - Pike Liberal Arts School. Trevor's high school activities included the football team and various volunteer opportunities. He is a member of the Troy Bass Club where he has won numerous tournaments and the end-of-the-year classic. Trevor's future plans are to go trade school and be a professional fisherman.

Mary Ramage - Pike Liberal Arts School. Mary's high school activities included Volleyball Team, Basketball Team, Fellowship of Christian Students, Excel Club, Twilighter Social Service Club, Government Club and multiple volunteer activities. Mary plans to attend University of Alabama and hopes to become a Neonatal Nurse.

College Graduates:

Jonathan Rush Hixon graduated from Troy University with a major in Social Science and a minor in Recreation. Rush plans to pursue a career as a coach either at college or high school level.

Amber Kaitlyn Shirley graduated from Huntingdon College with a major in Biochemistry. Amber will attend DeBusk College of Osteopathic Medicine for Fall 2020.

Elaina Ann Strother graduated from Auburn University with a major in Journalism. Elaina plans to pursue a career in sports writing.



In Memory of Betsy Bowden

Sherroll Tatom– Prayer Cushion Fund

Tammy & Eddie Powell– Mason McLendon Fund

In Memory of Jean Barr

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Frank & Wynnette Fryer– Choir Fund

Thomas Johnston-BUMC

Emerson & Diana Bascomb-UMW

Evan Williams, Jr.– UMW

Kate Taylor– Prayer Cushion Fund



Sammy Adams-1st, Melanie Adams-2nd, Adaline Ruth Adams-2nd,
Margie Tatom-4th, Tinye Tatom-7th, Barb Homann-9th, Bill Park-10th,
Kate Taylor-11th, Melodie Lauer-11th, Bill Hixon-12th, Don Dickert-20th,
Genie Jones-21st, Michelle Adams-21st, Annsley Strother-23rd,
Bill Jackson, Jr.-24th, Patsy Lee-24th, Helen Galloway-25th, Michael
Lawler-26th, Mary Ramage-27th, June Aronson-29th

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Smiles From Mrs. Sara

1. Why wouldn't the kid study history?
2. What two words have thousands of letters in them?
3. Why do hurricanes travel so fast?
4. Why did the man put his pants on backwards?



Genesis 21:6

Answers: 1.) Because he thought it better to let bygones be bygones. 2.) Post Office. 3.) Because if they travel slowly we would have to call them slowercanes. 4.) Because he didn't know whether he was coming or going.