



John Wesley United Methodist Church

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Greetings John Wesley UMC Members and Friends,

I am writing to inform you that the John Wesley Church Council recently met and has made the decision to *return to in-person worship on Sunday, July 4, 2021, at 11:00 a.m.* Please join us as we welcome our new pastor, Reverend Daniel T. Hembree.

Like many of you, we are excited to once again be able to gather in person for worship. This letter will explain to you our reentry plan and will hopefully answer your questions. As you read this letter, please keep in mind that if you choose to attend in person, this plan places a high value on making sure that all measures are being taken to ensure your safety and care.

Please note the following:

- All persons attending are encouraged to wear masks at all times during worship service. A limited number of masks will be available. However, we encourage you to bring your own mask to use.
- Please follow the guidance of the ushers. They will be there to escort you to your seat. Members and guests will not be able to choose their own seat.
- Seating will be in alternate pews. Rows will alternate between some worshippers or no worshippers.
- Worshippers will sit at either end of the pew in pods (groups of people living in the same household).
- At this time, there will be no gathering at the altar for altar call or communion.
- Pre-packaged communion elements will be used for communion services.
- Those wishing to take communion will do so at their seats, under the direction of church ushers.
- Masks may be removed only when actually receiving communion.

- Hand sanitizer will be available as you enter the building.
- All members and guests must practice social distancing at all times.
- Please feel free to bring your own hymnals and Bibles with you.
- An offering plate will be placed near the entrances and exits for your tithes and offerings. However, if possible, we encourage you to use online giving thru CashApp, the church website, or by mail.
- At the end of service, the congregation will be dismissed by rows, with back rows leaving first.
- There will be no congregating in the church after dismissal.

If you do not feel comfortable returning at this time, or if you will not be able to abide by these guidelines, you will still be able to worship by way of online streaming, using John Wesley UMC's Zoom video and phone meeting room. If you need assistance with these options, or for more information, please call or text (864) 238-0795.

Again, we want to express our excitement about returning to the sanctuary. We want to assure you that we believe our plan to reenter is one that takes into account both a desire to return to in-person worship, and our commitment to providing you and your family with a safe environment in which to worship.

We hope you will worship with us during this momentous time.

Yours in Christ,

Sister Chandra Dillard, Chair
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Cc: Rev. Daniel Hembree