



## **Projected Phased Return to In-Person Gatherings for First United Methodist Clinton**

### **Phase One (Current Phase)**

- A. All in-person gatherings remain suspended.
- B. Staff continues to work remotely, may access church office as needed, with appropriate social distancing practices.
- C. One pre-recorded worship experience each Sunday.
- D. Sunday School Classes, small groups, committee meetings, etc. to meet virtually

### **Phase Two**

- A. Small in-person gatherings as approved, following guidelines (i.e. less than 10, etc.)
- B. Staff continues to work remotely, may access church office as needed, with appropriate social distancing practices.
- C. Resumption of filming of on-campus worship services when equipment is in place.
- D. Only worship team staff and volunteers may be present for worship recording.
- E. No large gatherings (such as VBC, choir rehearsals, etc.)
- F. Small weddings and funerals may resume (following size restriction guidelines).
- G. Contract Janitorial Services to resume weekly cleaning.

### **Phase Three**

- A. In-person worship may resume with certain restrictions and practices outlined below:
  1. Persons in vulnerable populations are encouraged to continue viewing the livestream.
  2. Modified worship schedule with additional times to provide for smaller attendance.
  3. Social Distancing through spacing of chairs, closing of every other pew, etc.
  4. "Overflow Rooms" available to view service on campus. (All services broadcasted).
  5. No bulletins, hymnals, pew bibles, offering plates to be used (Offering stations set-up).
  6. No food or beverages to be served.
  7. No choir or orchestra in Traditional services.
  8. No nursery or childcare available.
  9. No United Night for Youth.
  10. Adult Sunday School continues to meet virtually or by modified means.
  11. Hand sanitizer stations available throughout facility.
  12. All interior and exterior doors to be left open.
  13. Safety Team will monitor all doors, and entry/exit points will be reduced.
  14. Volunteer teams to clean rooms between services.
- B. Staff to return to normal office schedule. Staff in vulnerable populations may continue to work remotely. Staff needing to modify hours or work remotely due to family needs may do so with supervisor's approval.

## Phase Four

*All below practices assumes following Annual Conference and professional recommendations.*

- A. Cleaning procedures and social distancing guidelines for all events followed as recommended.
- B. Sunday School, Youth, Kids and Childcare may resume.
- C. Wednesday Night Meals may resume with modifications.
- D. All in person meetings on campus may resume.
- E. Choir and Orchestra may resume.
- F. All worship services continue to be broadcast
- G. Possible return to original worship schedule.

## **WHEN WILL EACH PHASE BEGIN?**

we will move into each phase depending on three criteria:

- 1) *Recommendations from our governmental leaders*
- 2) *Recommendations from our Annual Conference leadership*
- 3) *When we have the supplies and protocols in place to ensure safety*

*Our Bishop has asked all Methodist Churches in Mississippi to continue to refrain from in person gatherings through May 31<sup>st</sup>, so it will be sometime in June before we can consider moving into a new phase.*

## **WHO WILL DECIDE?**

*The Executive Committee of our Church: Chairs of Finance, SPRC, Trustees, along with the Executive Committee Chair and Vice Chair, The Lay Leader, The Church Treasurer, and our Annual Conference Delegates.*