

## **Process for Worship at Lake Deaton UMC**

### **Phase 1 of re-opening for Worship**



#### **Opening Statement:**

We are excited to begin to worship again in person this coming Father's Day weekend, June 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. As we move back into worship, we will seek to follow several guidelines that have been imposed for the health and safety of our entire worshipping community. These guidelines have been established in accordance with policies that have been set by our Conference and through the hard work of a Lake Deaton worship re-launch task force.

Our goal, as requested by our Florida Conference leadership, will be to follow these guidelines as faithfully as possible and if you are planning on worshipping with us physically present, we ask that you faithfully adhere to these guidelines as well.

This will assure a safe worshipping environment for all people. As United Methodist we are called to adhere to John Wesley's admonition to "do no harm." As such we take seriously the implications of someone within our community contacting COVID19 and will always work to make sure our environment is safe for all people!

Thank you for your cooperation in this.

Blessings,

The Lake Deaton re-launch Task Force

#### **Guidelines for Worship:**

1. Our goal will be to provide a hybrid worship format that is meaningful and engaging whether you are physically present for the worship or are viewing the worship online. With this in mind, we ask that if you have any preexisting conditions or are classified as being within the vulnerable population for COVID19 that you would choose to worship from home, or with friends on someone's lanai or other outside space, continuing to watch our services online at our regular times.
2. If you plan on coming to worship, we will be ending each service with communion, but you will need to BYOC (bring your own Communion) elements. This may be a Ziplock bag with crackers or a bit of bread and a water bottle or small single serving bottle of grape juice. We will not be providing these elements for the near future.

3. If you are physically attending worship at Lake Deaton, we ask that all persons enter into the building through the front doors (all other doors will be locked). The doors will be opened fifteen minutes before each service (4:45 pm on Saturday, 8:45 am and 10:15 am on Sunday) and you will not be able to enter the building until the doors have been opened. We ask that as soon as you enter the building you will proceed to find your seat. Avoid congregating even if you are excited to see friends you have not seen for a while.
4. We ask that you practice physical distancing from all persons (other than your family) as you enter, sit and exit the building.
5. Seats will be marked as open for seating and we ask that you move into the center most available seats of any row that you are planning on sitting in. This allows for the least amount of physical contact between persons as we enter and exit the building.
6. We request that you wear a face mask at all times: before, during and after the worship service.
7. We ask that you refrain from all singing, if you are physically present for the worship service. This does not exclude you from raising your hands or worshipping in other ways.
8. If you need to use a restroom during the service, all restrooms will be available for use, but we ask that you practice physical distancing going to and from the restroom and wash their hands before returning to worship. Restrooms and the worship space will be disinfected after each service.
9. Please exit the Community Life Center through the side doors of the building at the end of the service. You will be instructed as how to do this within the worship service.
10. We have placed signs with this information in several locations. We also will provide hand sanitizing stations close to entrance and exit points. Please wash your hands thoroughly often.
11. There will be no guest pads, attendance will be counted by the ushers. Offering baskets will be placed at entrance and exit points for your tithes and offerings. Thank you for your gifts.

Again, while we work towards coming back together in this limited way please know that our goal is to remain faithful to our whole population and to adhere to our conference guidelines

during our Phase 1 of re-launching for worship. With this in mind, we thank you for your cooperation and support in following the guidelines and helping to make our worship center a safe place for all who desire to worship live and in person.

Blessings!