

**First United Methodist Church Malvern
Relaunch Plan
July 6, 2020**

Many of us are anxious to resume in-person worship and other ministry activities. Likewise, many of us have concerns about the health and safety of everyone gathering in large groups. Both perspectives are understandable and each person or family will have to make decisions that fit their unique situations and comfort level. As we enter this relaunching of worship service and other activities, the safety of everyone is exceptionally important and will require strict adherence to the guidelines. We must “Do No Harm.”

In-person worship services in the church will begin on July 12 with the early service at 8:30 am in Toler Chapel and the traditional service at 10:35 am in the sanctuary.

The Stay-In-Your-Car parking lot service will now be at 9:30 am and will continue until further notice.

The recorded YouTube worship message will continue to be available for viewing on Sunday morning.

To assure safety, minimize risks and abide by current directives, it will be necessary to limit the number of persons attending services in Toler Chapel and in the sanctuary. When the maximum number is reached, persons will be asked to attend another service or view the pastor’s message via YouTube.

Entrance to the in-person worship services will be through the Narthex.

The church doors will be opened at 8:15 am for the 8:30 am service and at 10:20 am for the 10:35 am service.

For the 8:30 am service, exit will be through the Narthex.

For the 10:35 am service, entrance will be through the Narthex and exit will be through the Narthex and the Ash Street doors at the office hallway.

Ushers will be available to assist.

The wearing of face masks will be required during entry and exit.

The wearing of face masks during the worship services are strongly encouraged, but may be temporarily removed if necessary.

Hand sanitizing will be required upon entry and exit. Sanitizing materials will be available at entry and exit locations.

Physical distancing will be required at all times. To assist with this, some pews will be marked for non-use. Family members may sit together.

Doorways will be held open during times of entry and exit so contact with handles and push plates can be avoided.

The hymnals, bibles, attendance registration forms, offering envelopes and pencils have been removed.

~~The Order of Worship and hymn lyrics will be projected on a video screen.~~

Congregational singing of familiar hymns (abbreviated with fewer verses than normal) will be allowed.

Offering plates and envelopes will be available at the time of entry and exits. For the 8:30 am service, the offering plate will be in its usual location. For the 10:35 am service, offering plates will be placed inside the sanctuary near the Narthex and at the East door near the chancel area.

No food or beverages will be allowed.

Restrooms will be set up to assure appropriate social distancing and sanitization.

Water fountains will not be accessible.

There are no plans to begin in-person Sunday School at this time in order to continue limiting the use of classrooms and other facilities. The adult classes are encouraged to begin or continue meeting via ZOOM.

There will be no children's activities or childcare until further notice. Children may join their parents for in-person worship services.

In-person Youth activities for ages 12-18 will begin at a time to be determined.

Small groups may resume meeting after July 12. The meetings must be scheduled with the church office. Face masks, physical distancing and avoiding personal contact will be required. It will be necessary to limit the use of rooms for all types of meetings for cleaning and sanitizing purposes.