



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH of Weatherford, OK

Dear friends,

It is my privilege to let you know we will be back to in person live worship beginning on June 7th. I am very excited for a new opportunity to see everyone and have folks back in the pews. I say that knowing some will feel comfortable to come back at this time but others will not feel secure until such a time as they have a time tested vaccine available. I certainly understand either response. We will continue to have our service as it has been on the radio as well as live streaming on Facebook. So things do change but some things remain in place and that is good for us all.

Our facility has been cleaned and sanitized. We will have every other pew corded off to help with self-distancing issues. Families will be asked to sit together and at the end of one family group the six feet distancing will need to be utilized. We cannot offer a church nursery at this time but families are invited to sit with their children. All of this will spread us out quite a bit but that will be fine, not like we are used to but for now better than not being together at all. In accordance with recommendations from the CDC the wearing of masks will not be an option if we are in worship we will need to wear a mask to protect others in the family of God. We have ordered masks so if there are some who want to attend but do not have a mask they will be available.

We will start our journey back to in person worship with only one worship service on Sunday morning. It will be at 10:30. There will be no Sunday school as of yet but plans to allow classes to relocate a bit and still be able to self-distance are in the works and we will let you know when as soon as we are ready to start Sunday school again. As time goes on and we see changes in what we are being told about distancing change will happen at church, but I would like to invite you to be patient and kind as we work to the best of our ability to keep everyone as safe as possible.

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We have also planned a way to serve communion with all the precautions in mind. We will not serve communion on June 7th but will on July 5th.

Our offering will be taken by using the wooden collection box normally used for stewardship time. It will be placed on the right side of your way out of the sanctuary. We will not be using bulletins. Everything we need will be provided on the screens. The pew areas will be free from any paper items, ink pens, hymnals or Bibles. Ushers will be in place to help dismiss us at the close of worship in an attempt to allow us to social distance appropriately. We ask that you go directly to your vehicle upon being dismissed.

Lastly we will not have a church council meeting in June.

Your pastor & friend,

Rev. Margo Vestal