

JUNE 4, 2020 UPDATE

Dear Church Family:

Following the recommendation of Bishop Holston, all Church Worship, In-person Meetings and Activities are CANCELLED through June 7th. Worship services at 8:30am and 10:30am will begin on Sunday, June 14th. If you are uncomfortable coming to worship, please stay home. Our worship service will be posted on-line as we have been doing. **PLEASE SEE BELOW WITH IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING WORSHIP AT CSUMC!!**

Please tune into Carteret Street United Methodist Church Facebook Page on Sunday, June 7th for a special message from Pastor Bryson. The videos are also available on our website home page on the Facebook scroll at the bottom.

Happy Birthday!! Two of our members who are residents at Sprenger Health Care have upcoming birthdays. Hoyt Graham will celebrate his 96th birthday on June 9th and Jackie Black will celebrate her 90th birthday on June 21st. If you would like to send them a birthday greeting you can mail a card to Sprenger Health Care.

Vacation Bible School has been postponed. We are currently trying to decide if we can hold it at a later date or if we need to cancel for this year. Day Camp which is scheduled in July is also being looked at. We will keep you posted on these activities.

As a reminder, the UMW Clothing Sale has been cancelled for this year. Donations in lieu of what you would have spent at the clothing sale are being accepted. Please make your check out to CSUMW and all donations will go to local charities.

Upper Room Devotional Books are available for pick up outside of the Fellowship Hall. If you need a copy delivered please reach out to the Church Office.

The Church Office has limited hours. The door will remain locked at all times. We are limiting the traffic for everyone's health and safety. Please call or email the Church Office rather than visit in person if you have any needs. Email and phone messages are checked daily. Tithes and offerings can continue to be dropped off in the mail slot at the Church Office or mailed in. Please reach out to Pastor Bryson or the Church Office with any questions, concerns or needs.

If you have any symptoms of the Coronavirus, COVID-19, please seek proper medical attention. If you are at high risk or are sick, please stay home and get better. We want to keep everyone safe and healthy!!

Please pass this information along to those who may not have access to the internet, email or Facebook.

We will continue to monitor the situation closely and follow what Sheriff P.J. Tanner, Governor Henry McMaster and health officials are telling us about the Coronavirus, COVID-19. Please remain in prayer about this situation.

Blessings,
Pastor Bryson

Dear Church Family,

The time is drawing near when we will be able to gather for worship. In an effort to protect those who might be more at risk of infection of COVID-19, we have established the following protocol for returning to worship. Please read this carefully.

Read these three things first:

- 1-If you are uncomfortable coming to worship, please stay home.
- 2-We will post worship on-line as we have been doing.
- 3-If you are not feeling well or have been exposed to someone with Covid-19 please worship with us on line and see to your medical situation with proper medical officials.

General announcements:

- We will resume worship on June 14.
- We will have two worship service times 8:30am and 10:30am.
- No Sunday School until a later date.

Children:

- We encourage everyone to bring their children of all ages to worship!
- There will be no nursery attendant or drop-off nursery.
- If you need to leave worship with a child, you may use our nursery or another space while maintaining proper social distancing from others and monitoring your child.
- There will not be a Children's Message until a later date.

Masks and Precautions:

- Please wear a mask for your own and for everyone's safety.
- There are masks available in the Church entry ways.
- We will have hand sanitizer at all entrances.
- Please try to refrain from hugging and shaking hands.

Egress:

- Please enter the Church Sanctuary closest to the area you intend to sit. If you intend to sit in the back enter from the back, etc.
- Please leave from the same entrance from which you came.
- Try to maintain social distancing when coming and leaving.
- Please do not socialize or congregate.
- Please leave immediately after worship.

Seating:

- Every other pew will be roped off.
- Do not sit in the roped off pews.
- We will alternate the roped off pews between services.
- Families and those who ride together will sit together.
- A distance of six feet should be maintained between all others.

Worship:

- There will be no singing of Congregational Hymns.
- There may be anthems of one to 4 persons.
- Our organist will provide a number of instrumental selections.
- Offering will be collected as you leave by dropping offering in plates by the entrances.

- You may still drop off or mail your offering.
- Clergy will not stand at entrances to greet as people come in and depart.
- We will have bulletins to pick up as you arrive – please take bulletins with you as you leave.
- Bring your own Bibles.
- Refrain from using Pew Bibles and Hymnals.
- Communion will not be served until a later date.

We encourage folks to come to the 8:30am service so we will not overcrowd the 10:30am service.

These guidelines are based on recommendations from the CDC and from the United Methodist Church. We are trying to be as safe as possible. We look forward to worshipping together whether in person in our Sanctuary or from your home.

These dates and times may change based on need.

Any questions please let us know in the Church Office.

Blessings,
Pastor Bryson