

WEEKLY UPDATES

Friday, June 26th, 2020

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED THIS WEEKEND!

CHURCH CLEANING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! - We need volunteers to come in and clean the church this weekend! We will clean, vacuum, dust, and disinfect the entire church. Consider volunteering! **Church cleaning scheduled for Saturday morning June 27th, 2020 from 9:00 AM – 12 NOON.** Please bring some cleaning supplies with you if you are able, our church supply is limited. We currently only have one vacuum cleaner to use, so if you can, please bring one to help. **Please remember to bring your own mask and gloves to wear while cleaning.** We appreciate your help in stepping up to keep our church clean and safe for all. Please contact us in advance so we know who to expect at office@saalemum.com. Thank you!

LIVESTREAMING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: RECORD & STREAM SERVICES -

Livestreaming will only work if we are able to recruit volunteers from both services to operate the video camera during the service. Training will be provided. Please contact Pastor Warner or the church office if you would like to be part of this live-stream ministry team (stewwarner@outlook.com or office@saalemum.com). If you are considering attending in-person worship – why not volunteer at church to help! We are also looking for someone who is tech-savvy with editing and uploading videos. Current plans are to edit and upload videos from the church office – But it would be wonderful if someone who enjoys editing video would volunteer their services to edit/upload videos to the website each week. Contact either Pastor Warner or the church office at office@saalemum.com

WHAT TO EXPECT WHEN YOU ARRIVE FOR WORSHIP - Our County is now under the GREEN PHASE of reopening in PA. This allows up to 250 people to be gathered. However, there are still rules and guidelines for how we are to gather. Please remember to wear a mask and maintain a social distance when able. **Please view our full list of guidelines at the end of these announcements.**

IN-PERSON WORSHIP START-UP - This Sunday, June 28th, 2020 at 10 AM we will begin in-person worship and livestreaming worship. This new worship start-up will be exciting and new for all of us. **Please remember to follow all the safety procedures and guidelines if you plan on attending in-person worship. There will be no infant/toddler nursery for June/July 2020.** Livestreaming is a new ministry for us and there are bound to be glitches as we startup. We are excited about this new opportunity for ministry and we ask for patience as we spend the summer learning how to livestream well. This will be a wonderful ministry that helps us reach existing and new people once we get the hang of it. We give thanks to God for the generosity of donors and the forward-thinking of church leadership as we move in this new direction.

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| JUNE 28 TH , 2020 | One Service at 10 AM | In-Person & Live-Stream |
| JULY 5 TH , 2020 | One Service at 10 AM | In-Person & Live-Stream |
| JULY 12 TH , 2020 | One Service at 10 AM Held at Albright's Woods | Worship <u>in</u> the Woods |
| JULY 19 TH , 2020 | Traditional Worship 8:45 AM Contemporary Worship 10:45 AM | In-Person & Live-Stream |
| JULY 26 TH , 2020 | Traditional Worship 8:45 AM Contemporary Worship 10:45 AM | In-Person & Live-Stream |

WORSHIP IN THE WOODS 2020 - We will have Worship in the Woods at Albright's Woods on Grove Street. Join us for Worship in the Woods Sunday July 12, 2020 at 10:00 AM. **If it rains this day, we will announce the day before that worship will be moved inside the church. Please watch for a Facebook update!** Due to certain COVID restrictions still in place, there will be no Communion during worship. We will also not be having our annual picnic after Worship in the Woods. However, if you so choose, you can bring your own lunch for you and your family and eat at the woods once worship is over. We ask that you do not share food with other families who may bring their own items and that you practice a social distance. We hope you will come out and praise the Lord in the beautiful outdoor setting.

PASTOR WARNER ON VACATION - Pastor Warner will be on vacation July 1-15 and August 3-12. Secretary / Admin. Assistant Hayley will continue to be in the office on regular Church Office hours. If you have a message while Pastor Warner is on vacation, please contact the Church Office. (**Office Closed Mondays / Tues. - Thurs. 9 AM - 2 PM / Fridays 9 AM - 1 PM**).

WEEKLY UPDATES / MONTHLY NEWSLETTERS – We will not be passing out Sunday Bulletins, to avoid any chance of contact exposure. Instead, we will be sending out weekly announcements that would have normally been included in our Sunday Bulletins via email. These weekly updates will be sent out every Friday. We will also be going back to our regular Monthly Newsletter format for a monthly overview of events and news. If you have an announcement for either the weekly announcements or monthly newsletters please email the church office at office@saleum.com thank you!

Joys & Concerns from 6/21/2020

- Prayers for Tom Bossum who asked for prayers for his son, who is at Geisinger Danville recovering from a heart attack. Also, prayers and concerns for us to keep in touch with the members of the church who can no longer attend. So that they may be kept in the news of the church. – Bruce Foster
 - Joy- Grateful for her father and for the experience of being able to be together for service through the technology of today. Also, for prayers for safe travels for anyone traveling today. – Sue Carlson
 - Prayers for my niece and her husband, who are considering divorce.- Denny Booher
 - Prayers for the congregation getting back together next week. That it will be different with all the social distancing and new requirements. Also, prayers that the livestreaming goes well since it will be the first week. – Pastor Warner
 - Brenda Binns- She asks for prayers for the community of Gilberton. She visited thru UMCOR and saw the result of the flooding that took place. Ask for the need of a hospital bed for a gentleman that has cancer. She said that the Salvation Army has been supplying meals, but will not be able to go up on Wednesday. She asked for volunteers to make food and to go with her on Wednesday to deliver meals and sit with people. Prayers for Iona.
 - Kathy Keck- Wants to say thank you to everyone for volunteering and offering their help on Friday and Saturday with the food bank distribution.
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NEED TO HOLD A CHURCH MEETING? HAVE VIRTUAL SESSION! - Missing your church small group? Go online! Contact Admin. Assistant / Secretary, Hayley, at the church office to schedule an online session! You must contact the Office to use our zoom. Please plan a week before your meeting date so we can review all zoom meeting procedures with you ahead of time. We also must make sure your meeting does not conflict with another scheduled time. You can

contact the Church Office for more information by calling or emailing at 570-366-0201 / office@salemum.com

ALTAR FLOWERS

June 28th, 2020

The Altar Flowers are Given to the Glory of God.
In Honor of Luke's 3rd Birthday on June 30th by Barb Stein

JULY ALTAR FLOWER SCHEDULE

- July 5th Susan Carlson
- July 12th Worship in the Woods (*no flowers*)
- July 19th Leashefski Family
- July 26th Barb Stein

GIVING THROUGH ONLINE BANKING -Several people are sending their offering through online banking with their local bank. You simply go online at your bank's website and fill in the amount you would like to send, and your bank sends a check to the church. Call your local bank or check their website to learn more. A couple of people are giving through Vanco, a company that works with churches across the country. You need to contact Pastor Warner if you want to sign-up to give through Vanco.

MAIL YOUR OFFERING - Many of you have dropped off or mailed in your offering. You can mail your offering envelopes to the Church Office at (Salem UMC 133 South Liberty Street Orwigsburg PA 17961). Please call ahead if you plan to drop off to make sure we are open at (570-366-0201) or place them outside in our mailbox. Thank you ahead of time for your faithfulness in continuing to share your offering during this time.

WHAT TO EXPECT WHEN YOU ARRIVE FOR WORSHIP: GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES

Our County is now under the GREEN PHASE of reopening in PA. This allows up to 250 people to be gathered together. However, there are still rules and guidelines for how we are to gather. Here are some procedures and information you need to know for when in-person worship begins.

SIGN-IN AND SANITIZE

a.) There is a hand soap dispenser at the door as well as sanitizer throughout the church to use coming in and going out of the church. Remember to sanitize your hands before and after coming into the church.

b.) Please sign-in on the sheet provided in the lobby before heading up to the sanctuary. This provides us with a contact list in case we discover someone who has been here contracts COVID-19.

c.) You only need to sign-in once. No need to sign-in every time you come to church. If your contact information changes, please inform the office so we have an up-to-date email and phone number for you.

d.) Email address is preferred. Email makes it much easier to get the word out to you than by phone. Please include your daytime phone number if you don't have an email address. Make sure to include proper capitalization and any punctuation when writing your email as email addresses are case sensitive. Emails might not arrive if written incorrectly.

TECH & TOUCH-LESS WORSHIP

We are minimizing the amount of personal contact and the number of surfaces in the church to be touched to avoid any risk of "contact exposure". Please do not touch any additional objects or surfaces you do not need to.

a.) All churchgoers should enter through the ramp door, other church doors will remain locked to ensure one entrance in and out of the building. We will have a volunteer Greeter stay at the door to wipe down the door handles and greet churchgoers.

b.) There will be an offering plate in the back of the sanctuary for you to place your offering in before or after worship. You can also continue dropping off/ mailing your offering envelopes or give online.

c.) All music and scripture will be projected. We hope to include music and words for songs from the hymnal. Please refrain from touching and using the hymnals and Bibles in the pews.

d.) No bulletins will be handed out. Any Church updates and announcements will be emailed each week. If you are not already signed up to receive our email updates please send your email address to office@saalemum.com and request to be added to our email list.

e.) Fellowship time before and after worship will not be offered to avoid congregating in closed areas. Please talk with folks outside the church building at an appropriate social distance.

f.) There will be no infant/toddler nursery for the Summer. The infant/toddler nursery is on hold until September. We will announce when this resumes. It's impossible to social distance with kids.

g.) Please avoid handshaking, passing the peace, or hugging others to avoid spreading any possible germs.

MUST WEAR MASKS

Masks are required when you come to church even as part of the GREEN PHASE. Please bring a face covering with you. We realize masks have become controversial and some people prefer not to wear a mask. Please remember that it is possible to have COVID-19 asymptotically, feel fine, and pass it on to someone else. While you may feel fine, you could unknowingly have and give the disease to someone else who may not be fine or who could pass it on to others. We wear masks to reduce the other person's chances of getting it. Please

observe the practice of wearing a mask out of respect for our congregation, staff, volunteers, and the people around us.

SOCIAL DISTANCING

Please practice social distancing of about 6 feet between people other than your own family members when able. Keep a 6 ft. distance between yourself and others in gathering areas such as the Welcome Lobby, on the steps to the Sanctuary, in the Sanctuary when you sit in church and other places there may be groups.

LIVESTREAMING

We will be livestreaming worship for people who are unable to attend in person. If you or a family member feel sick or were recently sick we are asking that you stay home and join the online livestream option. Starting June 28th we will be livestreaming worship to Facebook. This means you will be able to watch worship online on your smartphone or computer.

a.) Worship will be simultaneously broadcast on Facebook while we are worshiping in-person. You can go to the church Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/salemchurchorwigsburg/> and view worship while it is happening.

b.) Worship will be recorded. We will upload a recording of service to YouTube later in the week so persons without Facebook can also view the service. You do not need an account to view these videos and its free.