

WEEKLY UPDATES

Friday, July 24th, 2020

***Join us in person or online for live worship at either
8:45 AM (Traditional) or 10:45 AM (Contemporary).***

ONLINE WORSHIP: FACEBOOK LIVE – We are online! We have switched over to in-person and live streaming via Facebook Sunday mornings. You can view Sunday worship online as its happening live by joining here: <https://www.facebook.com/salemchurchorwigsburg/> (8:45 am & 10:45 am)

COMMUNION: SUNDAY, AUGUST 2, 2020 - We will have communion next Sunday (August 2nd) with pre-packaged, individual communion cups. Elements will be blessed in the church. You will then receive the self-contained communion cup and wafer wrapped in plastic as you leave the church. We encourage you to take the cup and wafer home to avoid any possible contact exposure while in church. Please do not share your communion package with folks outside of your household.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: SANITIZE AFTER SERVICES - Help is needed after each worship service on Sunday mornings. We need a couple of people to wipe down pews, doorknobs, and railings each Sunday after each worship. This past Sunday there were about three people who stayed after 8:45 am worship and wiped down these items (thank you!). We still need volunteers to do this after the 10:45 am worship. Wipes and disinfectant spray are available on the Welcome desk near the entrance. This takes about 10-15 minutes. Thank you ahead of time for your help as we continue in-person worship.

WHAT TO EXPECT WHEN YOU ARRIVE FOR WORSHIP - Our County is 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 & LIVESTREAM WORSHIP - 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 enthusiastic 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.

LIVESTREAMING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - 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.

ANNUAL RE-GIFTING SALE - Brenda and I canceled our annual Christmas in July Sale early on because of COVID precautions. We now see that there will be a town-wide yard sale on August 15th (*rain date August 22nd*) We have decided to be part of the sale. We will do our Annual Re-Gifting Sale that day. Hopefully, you have been saving your unwanted gifts and not used items for our sale. You can start dropping off items the week before the sale at the office. Questions? Contact Barb Stein at 570-449-6533 for more information.

RESCHEDULED TO 2021: BLOCK PARTY – Due to COVID-19 restrictions and constraints the Annual Block Party for this year (2020) has been canceled. The Block Party will take place next year 2021. Thank you for your understanding!

NEWSLETTER ARTICLE REQUEST: SEPTEMBER 2020 – Our monthly newsletter will tentatively resume in September. If you have any church news, events small group updates, or announcements you would like to see in the monthly newsletter please email your article to the Church Office. Please be sure to send in all information for the next newsletter by **Friday, August 21st, 2020**. You can email your newsletter articles to office@salemum.com to be reviewed. Thank you!

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 Office for more information at 570-366-0201 / office@salemum.com

This Week’s Schedule

(Sunday Morning Worship is available In-Person and Livestreamed)

Sun 7/26	8:45 am 10:45 am	Traditional Worship Contemporary Worship
Mon 7/27		Office Closed
Tue 7/28	7:00 pm	Yoga Class with Ed Folk
Wed 7/29	7:00 pm	Praise Band Practice
Fri 7/31		Pastor’s Day Off
Sun 8/2	8:45 am 10:45 am	Communion Traditional Worship Contemporary Worship

Joys & Concerns from 7/19/2020

- Prayers for Brenda Binns – Her uncle, Stanley, passed away at Seton Manor (7/18). – Barb Stein
- Prayers for Walt Szymanski. He has been a patient in a Florida Hospital for a few days dealing with several medical conditions. Please add Walt and Joyce to your prayers.— Sharon

Altar Flower Schedule: August 2020

- August 2nd Leashefski Family
- August 9th Jeanne Porter
- August 16th Susan Carlson
- August 23rd Jim and Sherry Coonan
- August 30th Kathy Schaffer

Please refer to the Altar Flower 2020 Calendar located in the lobby for the date you signed up to provide Altar Flowers. Thank you for supporting this ministry!

SMALL GROUP SCHEDULES

PRAISE BAND REHEARSAL- Rehearsals for Praise Band are Wednesdays at SUMC at 7:00 PM. The Choir will be on Summer break and will resume their practices in the Fall.

THURSDAY WOMEN'S SMALL GROUP - Thursday Women's Group will be on Summer break. We will return to meeting on **Thursday, September 3rd 2020 at 10:00 AM** to hand out our new books because we all need to start on the same page. We will meet back in the church for September. Contact Barb at 570-449-6533 if you would like to join this small group.

"FOOTBALL FALL" RETURNS TO SNL IN SEPTEMBER – Anticipating the continuing of in-person worship at Salem into the Fall, SNL will return with an abbreviated schedule. SNL will consist of Meal & Movie Nights with theme-based discussions for September. **A further schedule for SNL will be posted in the upcoming September Salem Newsletter.** Due to current conditions entry for SNL will be through the ramp side door, and all protocols, such as wearing masks and social distancing must be followed. Changes to these protocols will be made as necessary in keeping with updates to the CDC, Pennsylvania, and local guidelines for group meetings.

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 for 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. Everyone needs to sign in every Sunday they attend. This provides us with a contact list in case we discover someone who has been here contracts COVID-19.

c.) Please make sure to include the date that you are attending. 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.) 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@saleum.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 it 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 worshipping in-person. You can go to <https://www.facebook.com/salemchurchorwigsburg/> to view worship.

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.