

# **WEEKLY UPDATES**

## **Friday, August 7<sup>th</sup>, 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 are offering in-person and live streaming worship (via Facebook) Sunday mornings. You can view Sunday worship online as it happening by joining here: <https://www.facebook.com/salemchurchorwigsburg/>

**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 to all of those who have stayed a few extra minutes these past couple of weeks to help.

**ANNUAL RE-GIFTING SALE** – We will be joining in on the town-wide yard sale by having our **Re-Gifting Sale on August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020 (Rain Date: August 22<sup>nd</sup>)**. This event will take place on the **Church Office Porch from 8:00 AM – 12:00 NOON**. You may now drop off your **new/not used** items and donations at the church office. The office is open Tuesday through Friday on regular hours. For any questions please contact Barb at 570-449-6533. (**Church Office Regular Hours: Closed Mondays / Tues. – Thurs. 9 AM – 2 PM / Fridays 9 AM – 1 PM.**)

**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!

**PASTOR WARNER ON VACATION** – Pastor Warner will be on vacation from August 3<sup>rd</sup> – August 11<sup>th</sup>. If you have a message for Pastor Warner while he is away, please contact the Church Office. Admin. Assistant / Secretary, Hayley, will be in the office during regular office hours. Office hours are as follows: (Closed Mondays / Tues. – Thurs. 9 AM – 2 PM / Fridays 9 AM – 1 PM.) You can call or email the office at either (570-366-0201) or [office@salemum.com](mailto:office@salemum.com).

**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.

**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 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020**. You can email your newsletter articles to [office@salemum.com](mailto:office@salemum.com) to be reviewed. Thank you!

<b>This Week's Schedule</b> (Sunday Morning Worship is available In-Person and Livestreamed)		
<b>Sun 8/9</b>	8:45 am 10:45 am	Traditional Worship Contemporary Worship Pastor Warner on vacation (8/3-8/11)
<b>Mon 8/10</b>		<b>Office Closed</b> Pastor Warner on vacation (8/3-8/11)
<b>Tue 8/11</b>	7:00 pm	Yoga Class with Ed Folk Pastor Warner on vacation (8/3-8/11)
<b>Wed 8/12</b>	6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Church Council Meeting (via Zoom) Praise Band Practice
<b>Fri 8/14</b>		<b>Pastor's Day Off</b>
<b>Sat 8/15</b>	8:00 am – 12:00 noon	<b>Regifting Sale</b> Held on the Church Office Porch (Rain Date: 8/22)
<b>Sun 8/16</b>	8:45 am 10:45 am	Traditional Worship Contemporary Worship

### **Joys & Concerns from 8/2/2020**

- Prayers for Bill Dzurek, surgery for colon cancer. – Yvonne
- Prayers for Alex Lacko – Nephew, COVID-19 – feeling better finally.
- Prayers for Patrick Manley – Kathy's brother – cancer treatment – Kathy & Steve Keck
- Prayers for Julie Letcher's sister, who just had their birthday – Julie
- Please keep Cheryl Cresswell and Wayne H. in your prayers as they continue their cancer treatments. – Jeanne Porter
- Prayers for Betty Hartung – In Reading hospital from a heart attack, had a stent put in. – Ed Folk's Son
- Terry and Bev L are struggling with distancing issues relayed to virus.
- Addy, Granddaughter of friends of Booher's in Florida. She was diagnosed with Covid 19 at age 10.
- Continue to keep Sammy Street in your prayers.
- Pray for Mary Smith, Sharon Booher's mother. She will be turning 96 in September and misses seeing family members.

### **Altar Flower Schedule: August 2020**

- 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 are **Wednesdays at SUMC 7:00 PM**. Have a musical talent you want to share with the church? Want to join the praise band? Contact Kevin O'Brassill for more details and information

**CHOIR PRACTICE FALL START-UP** The Choir will resume meeting in the Fall. We will have our first Choir Practice on **Thursday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6 PM** at SUMC. We are looking for new members! If you are interested in joining the choir please contact Wendy Campbell for more information at [wendy2346b@yahoo.com](mailto:wendy2346b@yahoo.com) Choir Practice will continue (in person) throughout the fall Thursdays at 6 PM.

**THURSDAY WOMEN'S SMALL GROUP** - We are returning from summer break on Thursday September 3, 2020 at 10 AM. We will meet in the hall. Our first study book will be handed out that day. "I'm Waiting God" by Barb Roose. Finding Blessings in God's Delays. I have some extra books if you would like to join our group. Contact Barb at 570-449-6533.

**“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.

**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@salemumc.com](mailto:office@salemumc.com)

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**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.

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## **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@salemum.com](mailto:office@salemum.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 <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.