

**Returning to Sunday Morning Worship** in the midst of the Covid-19 epidemic will be a little challenging for all of us. Red Oak First UMC will be returning to Sunday Morning Worship beginning June 7<sup>th</sup>. Much of the challenge we face is found in state and federal regulations, government safety guidelines, and direction from the Iowa Annual Conference and the bishop's office. Here is what you may expect . . .

- **One Service** in consideration of the need to clean and disinfect between services we will begin June 7<sup>th</sup> with the 10:30am Sunday morning service in the Main Sanctuary.
- Social Distancing—
  - Families will be able to sit together
  - We must keep a 6-foot distance between ourselves/families and others
  - We will not be using all the pews: some pews will be blocked off to allow for distancing and the North Balcony will be open for seating
  - Please maintain social distancing of 6 feet as you enter and exit the church
- Fellowship Time— for the time being there will be no pre-service fellowship gathering
- **Rest Rooms** Lounge rest rooms (behind Sanctuary) will be open and attendants will be in place to disinfect between users; please be patient
- **"Touchables"** Bibles & Hymnals will remain in place in the pews but all other items (attendance pads, envelopes, pencils, children's books) will be removed
- Offering— there will be a container in the Narthex/North Lobby for you to place your offering
- **Children**—don't do "social distancing" so to keep your children from the chance of becoming infected with Covid-19, please keep your children with your family. There will be no Nursery
- **Masks** wearing of a mask is optional, we strongly urge everyone to bring a mask with them, in the event of a weather emergency mask will be provided in the emergency shelters
- Holy Communion— will be observed the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month (beginning June 7<sup>th</sup>) and will be a selfserve liturgy at the end of the service followed by immediate exit
- **Ushers** will be wearing blue vests and will be in place to assist and guide all worshipers

**Senior Citizens** and those with other health related issues are most vulnerable to Covid-19. If you have symptoms of Covid-19 we ask that you remain home. If you are feeling ill or are among the "most vulnerable" we urge you to remain at home. The service will be live-streamed on Face Book—Red Oak FUMC—and recorded for viewing on Face Book, You Tube, and our web site: <u>www.redoakfumc.org</u>.

Thank you for your understanding & cooperation, Your Red Oak First "Re-Entry" Team