

Asbury United Methodist Church re-opening planning and strategy guidelines

In-person gathering Protocol

Mask and hand sanitizer provided at the door. Masks or face shields are required. Maintain a social distance of 6ft.

Greeters/Ushers outside and in the back hallway, to encourage social distancing. They will need to count people going into the services. No more than 95 in Sanctuary, and 50 in the fellowship hall.

Encourage people to keep six feet/pew between

- In 8 am will be in the sanctuary. We will encourage some of our 10 am participants to come to the 8 am service to aid in social distancing.
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- In 10 am we will alternate social distance pews, and designate a 6ft safe zone on pews where sitting is permitted.
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- In 11 am We will have 10 tables spaced 6 ft apart with 4-5 chairs per table. Tables would need to be left up to be sanitized before being put away.
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- Overflow space in the youth and chapel area. We have received 61 affirmative responses from our survey of the congregation.

Doors to the Sanctuary will be left open during the services. To provide for extra ventilation.

Offering plates would be set at the doors to be collected on entrance or exit; 4 in the sanctuary, 2 in the fellowship hall; one in Chapel. Gloves will be provided for those securing the offering. Offering continues to be offered on-line and via a secure drop box.

Hymnals, Bibles, tissues, and registration pads have been removed to cut down on the risk of touch contamination.

We will project words to scripture, prayers, and songs, congregational singing is being discouraged. Purchase a smart tv for the chapel to use as a screen for overflow viewing of 10 am services. Perhaps people could bring their own hymnal and bible with them.

The praise team has been practicing distancing during worship.

We will not have a full choir but have special music groups of not more than 10 to provide for adequate space to social distance.

We can continue to utilize video music. Where songs could be recorded during the week and incorporated on Sunday.

We can continue to utilize video readers for 8, 10 and 11 am services.

Dismissal will be by row with ushers dismissing. Keep the middle door closed and use side aisles instead of the middle.

Acolytes-no acolytes

Sanitation during and between services-

Asbury Cleaning Procedures during COVID-19 Pandemic

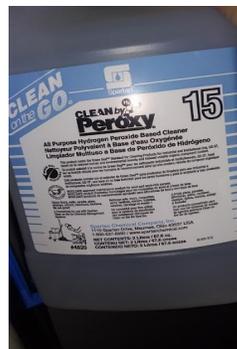
Bathroom cleaning is done daily using NABC Concentrate disinfecting cleaner specially designed to clean and disinfect toilets and restroom services. Kills 99.9% of bacteria. Also for bathrooms and services HDQC2 a disinfectant for fungicide that is used on all surfaces.

For all other surfaces including windows Peroxy an all-purpose hydrogen peroxide cleaner.

Floors are cleaned with Consumer Eco/lyzer, a natural disinfectant cleaner with odor control. Pine-Sol is also used on all floors.

Spray disinfectant is also used on all surfaces and areas, A Lysol based spray.

To ensure that the proper cleaning is done for each service, we will need volunteers each Sunday to assist. Someone to wipe down handrails, bathrooms, elevator, and sanctuary. Including door handles, pews, water fountains, and any touched surface. This will need to be done at the beginning and end of each service. We will need 16 volunteers per month so that we will have 4 each Sunday. A sanitizing fogger has been ordered and will assist in the sanitizing. It is expected July 7



No Coffee– all community coffee pots have been removed.

Registering attendance-

- Use church office online- people can register attendance with a smartphone and kiosk- we would need two iPads- for people to scan without touching- we can ask for these as a donation. Our church office software has a compatible ios software, meaning it works with Ipads but not pc/android tablets. One person can scan for an entire household. App download <https://churchoffice.ministryone.com/landing/RGIQ>
- Take a picture of the person(s) in specific sections
-have volunteers (4) record attendance in each of the five sections in the sanctuary and a separate piece of paper. People will be asked to wear name tags.

Keith has provided a clear plexiglass screen attached to the pulpit, to provide a shield between the speaker and the congregation. We have these for the contemporary space as well to help provide a barrier between the praise team/speaker and the congregation.

Susan has contacted our insurance to make sure we are up to date to remain in compliance.

Susan has made COVID-19 safety signs for the entry and exits of the church.

We will continue to offer additional services to the congregation and community while following the social distancing seating, masking, and sanitizing protocols for each event. These social distancing guidelines will apply to weddings, funerals, graduations, etc...

Baptisms are to be approved in advance with the consultation of the D.S.

Communion- We will continue to provide pre-packaged elements. No communion on July 5, perhaps come and go in the chapel on July 6, then plan for communion first Sunday in August.

Invite small groups less than 10 to begin meeting as long as they can maintain social distancing protocols.

I have been in conversation with the pastor's of our sister churches: Christ, Trinity, and Tate Chapel, and we would like to all try and open together. We would like to have a "soft" opening on July 5, where congregants would pre-register their attendance. Then re-open for safe social distance worship on July 12. To spread the word we will send a letter along with an email outlining the social distancing worship protocols, so people will know what to expect when they come to church. The Covid-19 will be revisited as the situation changes.

COVID-19 Guidelines

<p>Do you have these symptoms?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fever• Cough• Colds• Headache• Diarrhea• Shortness of breath• Sore throat• Joint and Muscle Pain	<p>Have you had Exposure?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Travelled to other countries in the past 14 days• Exposure to a confirmed COVID-19 patient• Travelled to, reside, or work in local areas with reported COVID-19 cases• Exposure to a Person Under Investigation (PUI) for COVID-19	<p>With Exposure + With Symptoms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• If young (<60 years old), with no other illnesses and mild symptoms: Conduct home quarantine.• If elderly (>60 years old), with other illnesses and/or severe symptoms: Proceed to the Emergency Room for assessment. <p>With Exposure + No Symptoms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Conduct home quarantine for 14 days and monitor symptoms.• Should symptoms start to develop, proceed to the Emergency Room for assessment. <p>No Exposure + With Symptoms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Manage symptoms accordingly. Proceed to the Emergency Room for assessment.
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Physical Distancing 101

SOURCE: WHO

Stay away from mass gatherings.

Keep a distance of 6 feet or 2 meters – about one body length – away from other people.

Avoid touching other people, and that includes handshakes.

Physical distancing slows down the spread of the coronavirus, which keeps our resources available to those in need.



Prevent the spread of COVID-19 in 7 STEPS

- 01 Wash your hands frequently
- 02 Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth
- 03 Cover your cough using the bend of your elbow or a tissue
- 04 Avoid crowded places and close contact with anyone that has fever or cough
- 05 Stay at home if you feel unwell
- 06 If you have a fever, cough and difficulty breathing, seek medical care early — but call first
- 07 Get information from trusted sources



SOURCE: WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION

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Re-Opening Break Down

- At risk individuals are asked to be diligent and continue to worship at home.
- We would like to encourage some of our 10 AM participants to come to the 8 AM service in the sanctuary.
- Mask or face shields are required!
- Social Distancing standards are requested: No touching, including hugs and handshaking, exercise 6' distances.
- Allow time for check in procedures.
- We encourage those that have name tags to wear them.
- Sanctuary doors will remain open during service.
- Overflow spaces are provided with livestream of service.
- Offering plates will be at the entrances.
- Dismissal will be by row, please be patient with this procedure.

Please keep in mind that these procedures and guidelines are what have been directed to us from the Holston Conference Task Force Team and our insurance company. We are only trying to be in compliance with what we as a conference are being asked to do.