

Pastor's Special Message

Dear Friends,

I pray this message finds you all at peace and in good health. Seriously, in these days, I pray for your good health!



Upon my return from vacationing in Georgia, I received some disturbing news about a surge of COVID cases in Florida, due in large part to the highly transmissible "Delta Variant." As a result of this State AND Nationwide increase in cases, the CDC has revised its guidelines recommending the wearing of masks at indoor gatherings. I have included links to the most recent data released by the State, and the revised CDC guidelines below. Florida's own official data show a sharp spike in cases statewide AND in Martin County for the week of July 16-23.

I have contacted our Church Council with proposal that Trinity UMC of Jensen Beach temporarily reinstate its mask and physical distancing practices, beginning this Sunday:

- In accordance with CDC guidelines, masks will be required in the Sanctuary during worship, vaccinated people included.
- Every other pew will be roped off.
- Please maintain a safe distance while sitting in the sanctuary. Couples and families sit together.
- Greet one another with smiles, waves, bows or "namastes."
- We will offer Communion using sealed cups and wafers.

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As always, if you are not feeling 100% on Sunday morning, please worship with us electronically, via Facebook Live and YouTube.

I understand that this is a frustrating development. I was overjoyed to celebrate communion in a more normal way with you last month, and I look forward to the day when we can celebrate that way again. Until then, let's all do what we can to take good care of ourselves and one another. Let's pray this new wave passes soon!

Know always that God loves you!

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Florida's Recent Reporting on COVID

http://ww11.doh.state.fl.us/comm/_partners/covid19_report_archive/covid19-data/covid19_data_latest.pdf

CDC Guidelines

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated.html>