



Hartford United Methodist Church

*Making disciples of Jesus Christ
through worship, fellowship, and teaching*

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Friends and family of Hartford United Methodist Church,

Grace and peace to you! Earlier this week our Administrative Council met to discuss our COVID safety measures, along with a few other items. I wanted to send out this update on the Council's decisions regarding the future of our protocols.

Beginning the weekend of June 6 we will be making the following changes:

1. We will no longer ask for masks to be worn during worship or other Church programs and activities.
2. We will be removing the signs limiting seating in our sanctuary.
 - A. The northern section closest to the elevator will remain sectioned off for those who wish to maintain some measure of physical distance.
3. We will resume our fellowship hour in the building, and ask that you allow the hosts to serve you.
4. Online worship will continue to be an option for those who wish to worship at home or while traveling.
5. Communion will be provided through both the pre-packaged cups, and in-house with bread that is pre-cut and juice that is available in personal cups. Please allow the Communion stewards to serve you if you choose to come for Communion in person.
6. A limited number of bulletins will be made available for those who wish to use them.
7. Kid's 'Busy Bags' will be made available for worship.
8. Greeters will stand near the doors to welcome people to worship.
 - B. We would like to also put together welcome bags for new guests/visitors. If you are interested in helping with greeting or assembling these welcome bags, please let us know!

As noted above, **we will be adopting these new measures the weekend of June 6th** so that we have time to communicate these changes, and to give people time to decide for themselves how they would like to proceed. These are big steps towards our return to normalcy, and I want to thank you and our Church leaders for their work, patience, and prayers over the last year. I recognize that not everyone will feel comfortable coming back to in-person worship yet, but I hope we can continue to expand and improve our online worship options to help accommodate those concerns.

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns regarding this or any other topics, please do not hesitate to contact me through email at pastor.labounty@gmail.com or by calling the office at (605) 528-3822.

-Pastor Seth LaBounty