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Dear Church Family,

We hope to see you soon! We just received approval for the first two phases of our reopening plan. We will begin holding in-person outdoor services on July 12th at 9:30am. They will be held on the Woodbury North Green. We are excited to say that this venue provides sufficient social distancing so that we can have a small praise band! I hope you are as excited as I am to see each other in person, even if it is with a mask and without a hug!

I've enclosed a brief summary of what to expect at our first outdoor worship service. The primary restrictions are ones to which we have grown accustomed, while venturing out in public places and visiting health care providers. Attendees must wear a face covering/mask at all times and maintain proper social distancing. In our case, we are asking everyone to maintain 10 feet of social distancing between families and for children under the age of 18 to remain with a parent at all times. For those that are able, we ask that attendees bring their own mask, seating (e.g., lawn chair or blanket), and digital/printed copy of the bulletin that we will continue to send via e-mail each week. We will have limited sanitized chairs for those with limited mobility.

The area for worshipers will be roped off to allow two check-in points with greeters that will record attendance and apply obligatory admission criteria (no-touch temperature and quick confirmation that no one is sick or has been in close contact with a person diagnosed with COVID-19 within the last 14 days). We will also be providing an online registration system. The details will be communicated in the Messenger next week. While pre-registration is not mandatory, we hope that those that have internet access will pre-register to make the greeters' job easier.

We ask our older and vulnerable church family members to carefully consider whether to attend services in person at this time (see last page of enclosure). While we feel our plans for in-person services provide robust protocols to protect our church family, we encourage our most vulnerable members to stay safe at home. We would love to see you, but we want you to stay safe, because we love you! Online and audio-only worship service broadcasts will continue to be provided, but later on Sunday. We also request that any attendee that is later diagnosed with COVID-19 immediately notify our Lay Leader, Mark Davis.

A brief summary of what to expect at outdoor services is enclosed. Additional information can be found on our website at the following webpage URL/link: <https://woodburyumc.net/covid-recovery%2Freopening>. Or you will find an 'hot-link' button at the top of our church home page labeled "COVID-19 Recovery/Reopening" that will take you to this webpage.

We also will be offering an online Zoom informational/Q&A session for the church family on Wed, July 8th at 7pm, which can be accessed using the following URL and/or call-in information: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5373398652?pwd=MmVXaSswdzZ0QU9tS3hVczJCSXdsQT09>; Meeting ID: 537 339 8652; Password: !WUMC2020. You can also participate by phone: (646) 558-8656; Meeting ID: 537 339 8652; Password: 400519. A more focused session will be held on Tues for ushers/greeters.

You can also contact me, at mwd2010a@yahoo.com and 203-267-1059, to discuss any questions or concerns that you may have.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Mark Davis

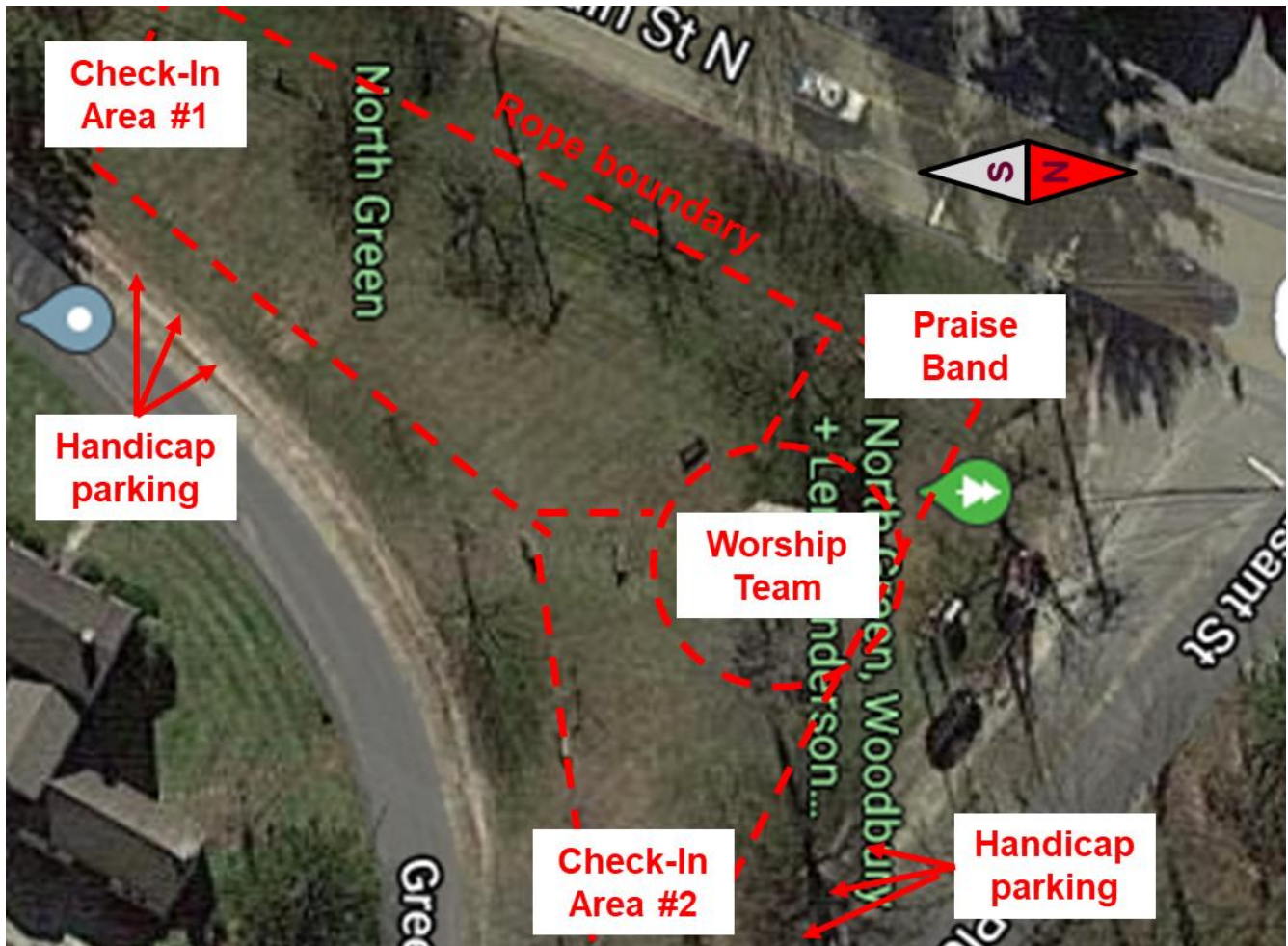
Outdoor Services – What to Expect

The New York Annual Conference (NYAC) has approved our reopening plan, which was required to be compliant with detailed guidelines/restrictions imposed by NYAC. Our plan included two phases: A) Outdoor Worship Services and B) Indoor Services, following completion of all elements of our plan. Our first in-person outdoor service will be held on **July 12th at 9:30am**. We plan to be ready to hold indoor services in early August in case of inclement weather. The following is a summary of what to expect at outdoor services:

- Services to be held on Town of Woodbury's North Green at 9:30am, from July 12th until early Sept.
- Socially spaced worship team (Pastor, Liturgist, singer(s), and praise band)
- Recorded service will be available later on Sunday, via both online video and telephone audio broadcasts
- Church's lower entrance/restrooms will be open. All other areas will be closed
- Boundaries will be roped off the day of service to provide two check-in points, allowing greeters to apply admission criteria and record attendance (online registration to help greeters' in recording attendance)
- Rope boundaries will be removed at the end of service to allow unrestricted, but socially distanced exit
- If possible, attendees are asked to bring their own seating (e.g., lawn chair or blanket), masks, and digital/printed copy of bulletin. Limited sanitized chairs will be available for those with limited mobility.
- 'Reserved' handicap parking near check-in points

The following is summary of the restrictions on outdoor worship service in compliance with NYAC guidelines:

- Anyone that is sick (or has been in close contact with a person diagnosed with COVID-19 within the previous 14 days) should stay at home and enjoy recorded worship service broadcasts
- While not required, we encourage vulnerable church family members to stay safe at home (see next page)
- Masks must be worn at all times, except Pastor, liturgist, and soloist when speaking/singing
- At least 10 feet social distance between families; children under 18 must remain with parent(s) at all times
- There will be no Sunday School or Nursery Childcare until further notice
- No congregational singing (until further guidance is received)





**THE WOODBURY
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**With Care, Concern
& Love Recommends That**
Persons in Vulnerable Categories
Due to Age* &/or
Significant Health Conditions

**Including the elderly or under 2 yrs.*

STAY SAFE @ HOME

*Because We
Love You!*

