

Mexico First UMC Guidelines for Outdoor Worship

July 6, 2020

As we gather to worship God together, our primary goal is to keep people safe. Scientists are continuing to learn more about the COVID-19 virus which is causing public health regulations to change. We will adjust these guidelines and our protocols as applicable.

We realize that some may not be ready to attend a gathering. We understand and will continue to offer online worship each week.

The most important things you can bring to our gatherings is patience and flexibility.

- Our Sunday morning service will begin at 10:00 a.m. in the dirt parking lot behind the church. The “pulpit area” is near the kitchen windows.
- Services will be approximately 30 minutes in length. While we will have some instrumental music, there will be no congregational singing.
- Attendees are required to maintain social distancing of 6-feet at all times, including walking to or from your vehicle and while waiting to be seated. Although it may be difficult, please refrain from handshakes, hugs, or other physical contact with those outside your household.
- Attendees are required to wear masks while walking to and from your vehicle and while being seated by an usher. Once seated, you may remove your mask if desired.
- An usher will escort you to a designated spot. You may sit with people in your own household.
- Chairs will not be provided and attendees should bring their own lawn chair. Some of you may be sitting in the sun and want to consider bringing sunscreen. Our seating configuration does not allow for the use of pop-up canopies, although you may bring an umbrella.
- An order of service will be emailed on Saturday evening. No paper copies will be available.
- A container will be available to deposit your offering when you arrive or depart. We will not be passing offering plates during the service. You may continue to mail your tithes and offerings to the church at PO Box 255, Mexico, NY 13114
- Our church building will remain locked. **Nobody will be allowed into the building for any reason.**
- Service may be cancelled due to rain or extreme heat. An announcement will be on our church website, Facebook page, and sent via e-mail by 8:00 a.m. Sunday morning. If you have questions, please call Pastor Grace (716-490-3708).
- Thank you for your cooperation during this challenging time.

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