



## Windover Hills United Methodist Church - July/August Newsletter

### Reopening Plan

As many of you know, our church has reopened its doors and is now holding regular Sunday worship services both in person, and online, as well as over the phone. In order to worship in the safest way possible, Windover Hills has implemented the following safety measures.

1. Masks are **REQUIRED**.
  - **To come to church right now is to agree to wear a mask while you are indoors, and while you are outdoors and unable to consistently maintain a distance of six feet from people outside your household.**
  - State law mandates that persons wear masks in all places where members of the public gather. Therefore, in obedience to God's command in Romans 13:1 that we "be subject to governing authorities" (cf Romans 13:1 NRSV) and in obedience to God's command in Philippians 2 to live a life of humility and self-sacrifice for the good of others (cf Philippians 2:1-11), we are going to follow that law, and do everything we can to keep everyone safe.
2. Temperature Checks
  - **If you have a temperature of 100.4 or higher you will not be permitted in the building and we urge you to seek medical attention.**
  - A volunteer will take your temperature with a touch-less thermometer before you enter the building. If you have a fever we ask, in Christian love and concern for your own well-being and the safety of others, that you to remain outside and call your doctor.
3. Maximum Capacity and Overflow Seating
  - **25 people will be permitted in the sanctuary, with overflow seating in the fellowship hall.**

- Once we reach maximum capacity in the sanctuary, worshipers will be directed to the overflow seating area in the fellowship hall, which will be accessible by going outside and around the building. In order to make as much space for as many people as possible, if you normally come to both services we ask that you choose one service to attend either in the fellowship hall or remotely.
4. Additional Ways to Worship Remotely
- **For those who still feel unsafe coming to church, you can still attend either online or by phone.**
  - As you may know, we have updated our Facebook page so that you do not need a Facebook account in order to join by Facebook Live. Additionally, for the benefit of those who do not have internet access, we are launching services by telephone. To attend services live by telephone, dial (720) 740-9622 then enter the access code 5237651#.

## **Saturday Evening Services – Saturdays at 6:30pm starting August 1st**

We are starting a new outdoor worship service starting Saturday August 1st at 6:30pm. This casual service will at times be more contemporary, and at times more traditional, and is a wonderful opportunity for those who are avoiding indoor gatherings, or just want to experience worship in a new way, to gather together in worship. Feel free grab a seat around the fire pit or bring a lawn chair (and remember to place it a safe distance from the chairs around you). We hope to see you there.

## **Small Groups**

Being a Christian is something that doesn't just happen on Sunday mornings. The church is expanding its small group ministries, order to give people more opportunities to engage their faith throughout the week and engage in meaningful fellowship with fellow believers in a time when fellowship is especially important. If you have an idea for a small group, or would like to start a new small group at the church, please contact the church at [office@windoverhillumc.org](mailto:office@windoverhillumc.org), or 412-653-6899.

- Men's Group: Saturdays at 8:30am
  - Lead by Lay Leader Doug Conroy, the Men's Group is a place for men to strengthen their faith through serious study of the Word of Truth, and fellowship with other Christian men. If you have not been to any meetings, and are interested in coming, now is a great time to join. This Saturday, August 1<sup>st</sup>, the group will begin new study on Philippians.
- Special Needs Support Group: TBA
  - The Church is the community of faith, the family of God. Part of being a community, part of being a family, is being there for each other. This group offers a place for people with special needs, and their caregivers, to come together and be there for one another. For more information, please contact Cathy Ferrelli: [cathyferrelli@gmail.com](mailto:cathyferrelli@gmail.com) or (412) 596-2300
    - **Note the correction:** The emailed version of the newsletter contained a typo in Cathy's phone number. This is the correct number.
- Wisdom's Call Discipleship Group: Tuesdays at 6:30 starting August 11th
  - "Does not wisdom call, and does not understanding raise her voice? " – Proverbs 8:1 This group, which is open to the entire church, adults and youth alike, and lead by Pastor Josh, provides a space to ask difficult questions, seek difficult answers, and explore how God's eternal truth speaks into our lives. The group will begin by asking how scripture speaks to the pandemic, through a conversation with the work of New Testament scholar NT Wright. To learn more, contact Pastor Josh at [office@windoverhillumc.org](mailto:office@windoverhillumc.org), or 412-653-6899.