

The last three times I spoke was to talk about restrictions, closing of church during Advent season or total closing of the church and the office because of COVID. We would like to thank each one for your cooperation to keep the church open as much as we did.

Today, I believe I have some positive news to share with you. It will be one year and one week on Sunday, June 13th since the last time we had fellowship, and that was done in the parking lot. We would like to bring fellowship time back; it will be in a different format to start with. We would like to have it out in the parking lot so we stay within the church conference and governor guidelines. So we would ask people to bring lawn chairs from home and we will also have some folding chairs available.

The cookies, bars, or what the individuals decide to serve must be individually wrapped and also there will be a beverage served from the kitchen downstairs. We then we would ask you to go outside to enjoy each other's company. There will also be a beverage table setup outside, and if you would like another cup of coffee or any other beverage, we would ask that you get a new cup and throw the other one away.

On July 1st we can move fellowship time back in the Fellowship hall. We will need to remember that we will still to keep social distancing of 3 feet. Serving of food and beverage will need to be paper plates and single-use serving utensils and cups.

Many of the restrictions will remain in place for worship service like: Serving of communion in individual cups and wafer, like we have been doing; Drinking fountain will still be shut down and covered; We will dismiss by rows starting in the back of the sanctuary and moving to the front; At this time there will be no passing of the peace to one and another. But on a good note, starting today, you may remove your mask while sitting in the pews unless you feel more comfortable with them on. We do ask you to put your mask on when you get up to leave after the worship service and also when moving around in the building.

In all cases we are asking individuals to refrain from attending any event in-person if you are experiencing any symptoms of a cold, flu or COVID-19, or have been exposed to COVID-19 within the past 14 days.

We can have a choir again starting the first part of September. All of this hinges on how our state and county is at that time with COVID.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the following individuals: Pastor Carolyn, Jarod True or Dave Baldini.

So you can see something is coming back to normal, but we know it is slower than we would like. But we need to be safe and make sure we are following all the guidelines that have been set before us.

Without your cooperation and patience, we wouldn't be where we are today.

Thank you.