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## GUIDELINES FOR IN-PERSON WORSHIP

BEGINNING SUNDAY, JUNE 14, 2020

- **Arrive no more than 15 minutes before the service time:**
  - First UMC: Service is at 9:30 a.m.
  - LMC: Service is at 10:55 a.m.
  
- **Protective face masks must be in place above the nose for every person before entering the church building.**
  - children 2 and under are exempt
  - **no** singing is safe without a mask
  - if possible, please do not remove your mask while in the sanctuary, except briefly to take Communion.
  
- **Seating is arranged: Please only sit in designated spots.**
  - accommodation has been made for family groups

### PLEASE NOTE:

- We are not able to open the nursery or children's Sunday School at this time.
- We are not able to offer in-person fellowship at this time.
- Take-home packets will be provided for children during worship.
- Worship services will be shortened to approximately 45 minutes.
- We will serve Holy Communion with individually packaged elements. You will receive these as you enter the sanctuary.

Brothers and Sisters,

All of this will undoubtedly feel strange to us, but I can assure you from having met with the Boards of the two churches this past week that being together even under these restrictions is very much better than nothing. Things are not as we could wish. But simply feeling each other's presence and seeing each other's desire to reconnect was a boon to the spirit. I hope you will strongly consider joining us for worship in person starting on Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup>. The precautions listed above ensure the safety of all who gather. If you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call me personally at 616-443-6866. My prayers continue for your safety and wellbeing.

In Christ,

Pastor Jonathan