

As of March 23, 2021 – Return to Worship Guidelines

- **We will continue to stream worship online.**
- **Physical distancing is important. At this time 125 people are allowed in each service. With exception to the front pews, every other pew is closed for distancing. The chapel has additional distanced seating, as well. Social distance guidelines are in effect.**
- **Kent Island UMC worship services:
8:00 am for 60+ in age and who have compromised immunities.
9:45 am Contemporary Worship Service
11:30 am Traditional Worship Service**
- **After each worship service, the sanctuary and equipment will be completely cleaned by those who participated in the worship service. Allow thirty minutes for clean and close.**
- **Anyone coming into the Church must bring masks. Shields are acceptable but must be worn with a mask. We will provide masks and sanitizing stations.**
- **Offering baskets are placed in the back of the Church for congregants to leave their tithes and offerings. Electronic giving is an effective low contact way to give. Kiosk is in the chapel.**
- **Those collecting and counting the offering will need to do so with masks, gloves and practicing safe physical distancing.**
- **Congregational singing is left to the discretion of the congregants.**
- **Musicians and singers should properly distance. All equipment must be cleaned at the end of each worship service.**
- **Pastor, lay servants, ushers, greeters, and musicians must wear masks during worship. Ushers and greeters must wear masks and wear gloves for protection.**
- **The bathrooms across from the fellowship hall will be open during worship. After the bathroom is used, each person must clean the bathroom. Kent Island UMC will provide the supplies for the bathrooms to be thoroughly cleaned after each use.**
- **No passing of peace or receiving lines.**
- **Food, drinks, or any type of social will remain suspended.**
- **If someone has entered the building and begins to feel sick, please tell the usher/greeters. The usher/greeters will quietly**

guide the person to the same door they entered. The usher/greeter will contact the clergy for further action.

- **Baptisms and nursery will remain suspended.**
- **Pre-packaged Holy Communion kits will be administered. Congregants must place the empty kits on the pew. The empty kits will be discarded at the end of the service by the ushers.**
- **Weddings, funerals, and memorial services are allowed 125 or fewer in attendance. These services will observe group size restrictions and physical distancing protocols. This includes masking.**

Safe Practices for the Church Office and Meetings:

- **Social distancing guidelines are in effect. Masks must be worn when in the presence of another person.**
- **The office personnel will have to fill out health screen forms before entering the Church.**
- **The office staff is urged to communicate by dialing inner office extensions. If they must meet, they can do so in the main office, conference room, library, or the hallway. Report to the main office after your meeting so they can adequately clean and close.**
- **The doors of the Church will be locked. If someone wishes to enter the building, they can ring the doorbell for entry. Office personnel will let them in.**
- **The office personnel will meet the person at the entrance and escort them into the Church Library for consultation. Everyone must be masked and hand sanitizer available before and after the consultation.**
- **Office personnel can use the bathrooms but must clean the bathroom thoroughly before exiting.**
- **Committee/focus area meetings or studies can either meet virtually or in person. In person gatherings should be no more than 25 people. Masks should be worn during the gathering. Shields are acceptable but must be worn with a mask.**
- **Everyone participating in a meeting or study must complete a health screen form prior to entering the Church.**
- **Sunday School for children will remain virtual.**