



Covenant United Methodist Church

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Dear Members and Friends of Covenant UMC,

Grace and peace to you in these continuing COVID-19 Pandemic times.

As you know, we were worshipping In-Person until we found ourselves facing the “Omicron Variant” of the COVID-19 Virus. It is the most contagious variant yet in terms of its’ ability to even cause positive cases of the virus in those who have been fully vaccinated and boosted! In response to this increased risk of infection, our Council met in a special session after worship on January 9, 2022, to discuss what Covenant’s response to this increase of infection should be. After discussion, the unanimous decision of those present was to return to “Virtual Worship” (online-only) through Sunday, February 6, 2022. After that date, the Church Council would meet to re-evaluate.

At a meeting of the Church Council on Monday, February 7, 2022, we discussed the pros and cons of reopening the church for In-Person Worship again after making the decision to close for the previous four weeks. It was decided by those present that we would reopen for In-Person Worship Services on Sunday, February 13, 2022, along with Coffee Fellowship following worship at 10 a.m. In-Person Sunday School and Confirmation Classes will also resume at 10:15 a.m. on February 13th. Wednesday Bible Study will resume on Wednesday, February 16, 2022. Committees and Ministry Teams will meet when needed as determined by the specific leadership of that Committee or Ministry area. We would ask that committees and ministry teams that meet at the church to make sure to sanitize the tables when your meeting is finished. Disinfectant for doing this is provided in each meeting room or class room.

Our Sunday In-Person Worship Services will be recorded weekly on video and will be online on our Facebook and church website pages by Monday evening. The Church office resume regular hours of 9:00am-12:00pm each week.

Our Ministry Expenses continue even though we have not been meeting for our usual activities. Thank you in advance for your faithful giving of your financial resources to Covenant Church. You can mail your weekly giving to the church office, Click the “Give” Tab on our website: www.covenantforyou.church, through the Tithe.ly Mobile App which is available in the Google Play store, or the Apple App Store, or by texting the word “**give**” to the phone number **(920) 267-4801** and following the prompts.

Jesus is still Lord of all, and we are still the people of Covenant UMC. Do not hesitate to reach out to me if you need anything! Remember to call your neighbors and church friends just to see they are okay and see if they might need anything! God is good, all the time, and all the time, God is good!

Peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joel". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.