

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ.

When can we re-gather for worship and do so safely? In an attempt to answer that question, I formed a Task Force made up of doctors and key leaders of our church who have been working on this issue. Using guidelines from our Annual Conference, the Task Force has determined that we can re-gather for worship using the 3 W's: Wait 6 feet, Wear a Mask, and Wash your hands.

For social distancing, the Task Force has roped off pews in the sanctuary, so that we will use only every other pew and have people/couples/families sit 6 feet away from others. By doing this, the capacity of the sanctuary, with the balcony, will be limited to around 100 people. Once we reach that capacity, no one else will be allowed in the sanctuary. Beyond capacity, others will have the option to sit in the fellowship hall to watch the service on the large TV, using social distancing, or to return home to watch virtually. Using social distancing, the capacity of the fellowship hall will be around 40-50.

In consideration of others, everyone over the age of 11 will be required to wear a face covering for the entire service. This will give an opportunity for those who can only attend when everyone is wearing a face covering to do so. Those who are unable to wear a face covering are invited to continue worshiping virtually.

We will continue Live Streaming our worship services every Sunday at 10 am on Facebook for those who feel uncomfortable attending in person worship and/or have underlying health issues. We will also offer a Drive-In worship service in the lower parking lot at 8:30 am each Sunday, weather permitting. If it is raining, the Drive-In service will be canceled due to the electronic equipment. Those attending the Drive-In service will remain in their cars and can hear the service on their car's FM radio by tuning to 98.5 FM. This service will last only around 20 minutes, yet will be a great way of connecting with others while in the safety of your car.

We will begin our In-Person Worship in the sanctuary with Social Distancing/face coverings this Sunday, July 5, at 10 am (see back for instructions), and the Drive-In service at 8:30 am in the lower parking lot. Since this is Communion Sunday, each is asked to provide their own bread for whichever service you attend: Virtual, In-Person, or Drive-In.

I am so thankful for your patience and understanding in these unprecedented times as we continue to work through the issues. By working together and with God's help, we will continue to be in ministry as we serve Christ, our risen Lord.

Grace and Peace. Tommy

> #CONNECTWITH US ANYTIME @SOPINESUMC/ 🚹 WWW.SOUTHERNPINESUMC.ORG





