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Faithful to Tradition, Loving in Fellowship,  
& Reaching for Tomorrow!***

### **Mars UP is re-opening on June 21<sup>st</sup> for 10:00 Worship**

Dear family and friends of Mars UP Church:

We are pleased to report that the Session has approved a plan to re-open Mars UP Church for Sunday worship and Sunday School Groups. We have not fully formulated a plan to re-open to all outside groups, but expect to have additional guidelines within the next few weeks. The Session also confirmed our commitment to continuing the on-line service, even after the pandemic is no longer a threat. Starting on the 21<sup>st</sup>, on-line worship will be held at 8:30 a.m., with recorded versions available later in the day.

In addition, we would like to thank you for completing the recent survey. We had almost 50 responses and the results can be seen here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/results/SM-32ZF5H7F7/> The link does not provide access to the comments, but all comments were provided to the Session for consideration. Please contact the church office if you would like to see the comments.

Following is a summary of the procedures that were approved by the Session:

#### **Individual Preparation:**

- Members should self-examine before attending – confirm your temperature is below 100.4, you are not feeling sick or showing any potential signs of sickness, and you have not had contact with anyone known to be infected in the last 14 days.
- Recommend that any high-risk individuals should not attend and continue to utilize on-line worship.
- Masks not required while sitting in a pew, but are encouraged while moving throughout the building for the protection of others.

#### **The Building:**

- The building has been thoroughly cleaned and sanitized with CDC approved cleaners.
- Sunday school classes using the building are responsible for cleaning their own space. Cleaning supplies will be provided. Access to rooms where groups meet should be restricted to only members of that group and rooms locked when not in use, if possible.
- First 3 pews and two of every three after will be restricted.

- Bibles and hymnals will be available in the pews, but there will be no bulletins. Screens (personal and public) will continue to be used to access worship material.
- Hand sanitizers and disposable masks will be available throughout the building.
- Church to be cleaned and sanitized after all services.

**Worship Service:**

- Participants are encouraged to separate as much as possible so that no one outside your household is directly beside, in front, or behind.
- Gentle singing permitted, assuming no one is directly in front of individuals.
- There will be no passing of offering or communion plates;
  - Communion will use individual self-contained cup and host that will be available in fixed locations;
  - Offering will be received at fixed locations.
- No child care will be provided.
- There will be no formal Tarry 'N' Talk. We encourage everyone to maintain social distance and be respectful of those entering and exiting. Where possible, conversations should be moved outside the building, especially when masks are not being worn for the protection of others.
- The choir is currently off for the summer, but we are looking into solutions that will allow them to continue. Jamie will continue to provide special music as appropriate through the summer.

As a Congregation, we will work together with patience and grace as we do our best to meet the needs of our church family during these uncertain times.

If you have any comments or questions, speak to a Session member.

In Christ,

*The Mars UP Session*