RE-OPENING THE CHURCH

The following guidelines are offered as a roadmap for our return to in-person worship and other gatherings. These guidelines are subject to change as the situation unfolds and will be updated when Louisiana enters Phase Two.

We will follow the guidelines for re-opening outlined by the Louisiana Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, which can be found here: https://www.la-umc.org/newsproof/13932320.

WORSHIP

We are planning to have our first in-person worship service on June 14 in the Casual Worship Center at 10:00 a.m.

☑ Registered, in-person attendance will be capped at 50% capacity. Face masks will be mandatory with strict social distancing rules.

☑ While it may be safe for some people to return to large public gatherings, people age 65+ and those with pre-existing conditions are being encouraged to stay at home.

☑ Sunday morning worship will also continue online via our YouTube Channel and Facebook.

WEEKDAY SERVICES

As soon as fire and smoke repairs are completed in the Sanctuary, we will offer weekday prayer services.

☑ Public worship and prayer are an essential means of grace.

☑ We are committed to providing other, more manageable, opportunities for people to gather in sacred space for worship and prayer.

SMALL GROUPS

Children, youth, and adult classes and activities will continue online until further notice.

☑ It is very difficult to maintain social-distancing and sanitation with young people.

☑ It is safer and more manageable for us to hold off on in-person groups at this time.

☑ We will continue to evaluate this decision as each step of re-opening unfolds.

CHURCH OFFICE

The church office will be open by appointment only. Employees who are able will continue to work from home.

☑ Between the church, Children's Learning Center, and Summer Day Camp staff, there are close to 50 people on campus at any given time.

☑ Some of our employees are over the age of 65.

☑ Protecting our staff, their families, and those they come in contact with is a high priority.