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OCUMC Newsletter

July 1, 2020

Dear friends and family of OCUMC:

WE ARE AT PHASE 2!

What's that, I hear you ask? Last week, our church council voted in a set of guidelines and "Phases" to reopen OCUMC's building and ministries. Phase 1 is where we were at for months - pretty much shut down. Phase 5 will be when everything is back to normal.

Here are a few highlights of Phase 2

- We can now have groups of up to 10 in a room.
- Still in face-masks. Still social distancing.
- Ministry groups still meet online/outside.
- Entrance through the main front doors, exit through the side doors.
- Bathrooms/stalls are cleaned after ONE use (please "go" before you go to church)

It might not seem like that big of step, but at least we can have a few committee meetings in the building. Phase 3 is when we really get a big step forward with a limited worship service, up to 50 people in the building, etc. You can read below our Phases and criteria for each.

To move to a new Phase, we need to be able to follow Clackamas County guidelines/Governor's orders; The Bishop's directives, and the District Superintendent's approval.

I know these Phases seem painfully slow. And other churches are opening up. Just know we are going slow, to keep all of you and us, safe. Oregon, our numbers are still going up. And we've made headlines in the national news because of outbreaks.

May we continue to hold each other in prayer, and may we be able to visit each other soon!

In God we trust,

Pastor Mike

Phase
2

Approved



HAPPY 4TH of JULY

Anniversaries

BENSON, DAN & KAREN	07/06
DURST, RICK & JULIE	07/09
FINCK, JOSH & TERRI	07/10
BEASLEY, JOHN & DENISE	07/14
THONSTAD, TED & SHARON	07/16
WERBER, BOB & BETH	07/16
WARD, PAUL & GAIL	07/18

Birthdays

WERBER, BOB	07/05
HILL, BETTY	07/08
OSTRICK-CRONRATH, AUGUST	07/12
STERLE, JOANNE	07/13
MYERS, CARRIE	07/16
EMMERSON, CONNIE	07/20
FERGUSON, MARTY	07/23
TONOLE, MARJORIE	07/23
SYTSMA, DANIEL	07/24
CRAWFORD, PAM	07/25
CRUIKSHANK, WILLIAM	07/26
BATTY, ALANA	07/27
GIFFORD, MARY	07/30
NORRIS, MICHAEL	07/31



You are invited to a ZOOM meeting just to check in with the pastor and others. We have two different times and dates available, hopefully one will match your schedule. There is no agenda to these gatherings, just a chance to see church friends and say hello. You may want to coordinate with your closest church friends to see when they are jumping on!

Zoom Dates:

Thursday, July 2nd, 5 p.m. link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86978568059>

Friday, July 3rd, 10 a.m. link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89873876907>



HOPE Garden Update

By Ron Schlosser

I've done the last picking for June in the garden, harvesting 314 lbs., bringing the year total to 578 pounds.

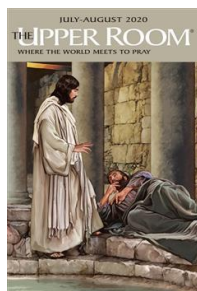
Looking at what I've picked this month, carrots at 44 pounds, beets with greens at 111 lbs., zucchini 54 lbs. and snap peas at 64 lbs.. The snap peas are just about done, I'm taking down the vines and harvesting what's on them as I do so.

I'm so thankful that I have this garden to work on during the pandemic, that and my home garden is helping me stay sane, I feel for those who do not have space to get outside safe.

Upper Room Devotionals

July/August issue of the Upper Room

Devotional is now available. If you are not able to pick up a copy at the church, you may request to have the Upper Room mailed to you.



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“Do No Harm” General Guidelines

(Maybe) adopted, June 23, 2020 by the Oregon City United Methodist Church Council

General	PHASE 1	PHASE 2	PHASE 3	PHASE 4	PHASE 5
High Risk Pop.	Please Stay Home	Please Stay Home	Please Stay Home	Discretionary	Normal
Physical Dist.	Strict	Strict	No Groups	No large bunches	Normal
Max Group Size	5	10	50	No Limit	No limit
Face Masks	Age 2+	Age 2+	Age 2+	Optional/TBD	Optional/TBD
Staff/Volunteers	For essential services	Normal, with precautions	Normal, with precautions	Normal, with precautions	Normal
Worship	Online	Online	Online/In-person	Online/In-person	Online/In-person
Church Groups	Essential or Online/Outside	Essential or Online/Outside	Essential or Online/Outside	Yes, with care or limited	Normal
Outside Groups	Essential	Essential	Essential	Yes, with care or limited	Normal
Entrance/Exit	1 Door for each	1 Door for Each	1 Door for each	1 Door for each	Normal
Bathrooms	1 person at a time, 1 use per cleaning	1 person at a time, 1 use per cleaning	1 person at a time, 1 use per cleaning	Normal, sanitize each day	Normal

We are currently in PHASE ONE

Agency	PHASE 1	PHASE 2	PHASE 3	PHASE 4	PHASE 5
Clackamas County	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO
Bishop	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO
DS Approval	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO

Each phase is dependent upon

- 1) Governmental authority guidelines (group #, distancing, etc); Please Note that the County’s Phases do not translate exactly into our Phase numbers.
- 2) Bishop’s approval. Bishop opened up Phase 2 on June 16th with fear and trepidation...
- 3) DS approval for our proposed guidelines to move to another phase. We have not submitted any plans yet.

There is no prescribed time-frame to move from one phase to the next.

Note: This sheet has general information. Many of the rows have their own tables/sheets with more specific information.

Before the transition to each new phase, **and expectations thereof**, will be shared through our newsletter, Facebook page, email, and snail mail to our congregation and stakeholders. If we cannot abide by these “Do No Harm” guidelines for each phase, we show that we are not ready for that Phase. They are in place for the safety of all - parishioners, guests, staff, etc. It may come to pass, either by our own actions or more probable, a resurgence of the virus, will cause us to backtrack a phase. Communication of a backtrack phase will be shared by aforementioned means. Signage in church will show hygiene practices, policies, bathroom usage, entrances/exits, and other relevant CDC guidelines.

Worship Guidelines

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Worship	PHASE 1	PHASE 2	PHASE 3	PHASE 4	PHASE 5
High Risk Pop.	Please Stay Home	Please Stay Home	Please Stay Home	Discretionary	Normal
Physical Dist.	Strict	Strict	No Groups	No large bunches	Normal
Max Group Size	5	10	50	No Limit	No limit
Mode	Online	Online/drive up?	In-person & Online	In-person & Online	In-Person/Online
Face Masks	Age 2+	Age 2+	Age 2+	Optional/TBD	Optional/TBD
Live Singing and wind/brass inst.	Not recorded in building	May be recorded for service*	No Cong. singing, may record*	No Cong. singing, may record*	Normal
Baptisms	No	No	Not in building	Normal	Normal
Communion	No	No	No	Yes - "hands free"	Yes
Meet & Greet	N/A	N/A	No	No	Normal
Prayer Requests	Prayer Chain	Prayer Chain	Text during service	Text during service	Normal
Celebration Sun.	N/A (online?)	N/A (online?)	Text during service	or share from seat	Normal
Coffee Hour	N/A	N/A	No	Limited	Yes - carefully
Offering	Online/Mail	Online/Mail	And Station	And Station	Normal
Children's Time	Online	Online	Online/Screen	Online/Screen	Normal
Chairs	N/A	N/A	1 chair per use	1 chair per use	Normal
# of services	N/A	N/A	9 & 10 a.m. (Res)	10 a.m.	10 a.m.
Seating	N/A	N/A	In family groups	In family groups	Normal
Nursery	N/A	N/A	No	Yes - Carefully	Yes
Sunday School	N/A	N/A	No	Yes - Carefully	Yes
Entrance/Exit	1 Door for each	1 Door for Each	1 Door for each	1 Door for each	Normal
Bathrooms	1 person at a time, 1 use per cleaning	1 person at a time, 1 use per cleaning	1 person at a time, 1 use per cleaning	Normal, sanitize each day	Bathrooms
Tech Booth	N/A	N/A	6 feet/Sanitize	Full/Sanitize	Normal

Notes:

Those taping online worships will wear face masks, except the speaker. Face masks will be required of everyone in Phase 3 when we begin in-person worship. We will have a couple dozen to hand out. We will wash them each week. If someone doesn't wear a mask during the required times, we can't have church for a week (DS rule - if we get out of church at 11 a.m., the next service can't start till 11 a.m. the following week). Pastor and Head Usher will enforce.

All doors to unnecessary rooms will be locked - including office, until needed.

Live singing and wind/brass instruments: Singing and projecting instruments spray droplets in the air. Sadly, none of these musical modes are welcome until Phase 5. Careful recording in Sanctuary may begin in Phase 2.

Number of worship: For Phase 3, we anticipate two worship that can have max 50 in TOTAL attendance. We will take "reservations" up to 40, allowing a few visitor spots. Should we reach over-capacity in our space, we will have designated people who love Jesus enough to give their spot to a guest or unregistered individual. Another side room could be available to stream the service. Worst case, some people will be nominated to leave - I pick Steve.

Communion will be "hands free" in Phase 4. No Communion allowed for Phases 1-3. (Even drive up)

Chairs: Chairs will be a one-use per week for phases 3-4. Used ones will be stacked along south wall and wiped down in the week. The next worship will use new chairs.

Children/youth will need to stay with family groups in phases 3-4; No running around. No up-front kids time...

Attendance for Contract Tracing will be a written log.

When we go to online AND live worship, the online version should switch to a live stream model. Taping ahead of time is a lot of work!

Sanitation: Our custodian (or other volunteer) should be on hand for wiping down surfaces, chairs, and bathrooms. Water fountains are closed. The custodian will be in charge of sanitation supply inventory.

Bathrooms: 1 person in the bathroom at a time. 1 use per stall per cleaning. We have a way to notify others that the stall is unclean. We prefer if people would go at home. "Go before you Go" could be a catchphrase!

Entrance will be through the front doors, and exit will be through the south doors and out in Phases 1-4.

Offering: While one can always give online or mail a check, we will have an offering box for Phases 3-4 and not pass a plate. We will, however, have an usher bring a plate forward at offering time.

High Risk Populations: The CDC gives examples such as persons ages 65+ , those in care facilities and those who have underlying medical conditions. It will be up to each individual to police themselves - we will not stop anyone from coming to worship.

People may light a candle in our memorial votives, there will be a container for used bamboo sticks

Parents of children will have to monitor their own children. We will not be passing out activity bags due to sanitation reasons - feel free to bring your own (no noise makers, be considerate of others). The nursery is not available.

Microphones will be wiped down and sanitized at the end of use, and between sharing of a mic if nec.

Folks entering and leaving the worship space in Phases 3-4 cannot stop and chat with other groups of people or clutter up hallways/doorways. Take the chat with other family groups outside. Phases 3-4. Painful, I know...

* Beginning in Phase 2, Recording a singer is limited to 1 soloist a week and no one else present at the time of singing – tech, etc. if not from same household needs to vacate room likewise no additional person to accompany unless from same household.

Celebration Sunday/Prayer Cards: In Phases 3-4, people may email or text their joys/concerns before the service OR at the appropriate time in the service. They may also share from their seat. Text number up on the slide.

It goes without saying that the choir is on hiatus right now. If we start a bell choir, max group size, physical distancing and sanitizing required as needed in the phases.

TO DO LIST

Pray

Create Entrance/Exit Signs

Create an Offering Box

Buy face masks.

Keep sanitizer available for hands, chairs, surfaces...

Create a Reservation System for Phase 3 worship

Create an Attendance System per county requirements.

Train Head-Usher of new duties

Coordinate with Custodian

Church Groups/Ministries Guidelines

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CHURCH GROUPS	PHASE 1	PHASE 2	PHASE 3	PHASE 4	PHASE 5
High Risk Pop.	Please Stay Home	Please Stay Home	Please Stay Home	Discretionary	Normal
Physical Dist.	Strict	Strict	No Groups	No large bunches	Normal
Max Group Size	5	10	50	No Limit	No limit
Face Masks	Age 2+	Age 2+	Age 2+	Optional/TBD	Optional/TBD
Adult Sun. School	Online	Online	Online	Yes, with care	Yes
Child. Sun. Sch.	Online	Online	Online	Yes, with care	Yes
Youth Group	Online	Online	Online	Yes, with care	Yes
HOPE	Yes, with care	Yes, with care	Yes, with care	Yes, with care	Yes
Kitchen Ministries	No	No	No	Limited (No dinners)	Yes
Landscape Team	Yes, with care	Yes, with care	Yes, with care	Yes, with care	Yes
Choir	No	No	No	No	Yes
Worship Design	Yes, with care	Yes, with care	Yes, with care	Yes, with Care	Yes
Weddings	Not in building	Not in building	Yes, with care	Yes, with care	Yes
Funerals	Not in building	Not in building	Yes, with care	Yes, with care	Yes
Preschool	No	No	TBD	TBD	Yes
Group Meetings	Not indoors	Not indoors	Not indoors	Yes	Yes
Entrance/Exit	1 Door for each	1 Door for Each	1 Door for each	1 Door for each	Normal
Bathrooms	1 person at a time, 1 use per cleaning	1 person at a time, 1 use per cleaning	1 person at a time, 1 use per cleaning	Normal, sanitize each day	Normal

Notes:

Building Use is majorly restricted by the Conference until Phase 4. Before that, it is limited to staff, volunteers & designated services (essential). Please note the maximum number of people allowed in the building in each stage.

Limited Kitchen use generally means "Coffee Cart".

The Preschool may have the most stringent rules - the county/state are still coming out with procedures and policies. Our preschool will also follow Bishop's building use guidelines.

Women's group, men's group, children/youth group, church clubs and activities are generally prohibited in doors until Phase 4.

Attendance for Contract Tracing will be a written log.

We will revise building use agreements and contracts to reflect new requirements such as face masks, hygiene, physical distancing, cleaning and other Covid-19 realities.

TO DO LIST

Pray; Create Entrance/Exit Signs; Buy face masks.; Keep sanitizer available for hands, chairs, surfaces...

Ask groups to create an Attendance System.; Coordinate with Custodian; Stay in contact with Church group leaders

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OUTSIDE GROUPS	PHASE 1	PHASE 2	PHASE 3	PHASE 4	PHASE 5
High Risk Pop.	Please Stay Home	Please Stay Home	Please Stay Home	Discretionary	Normal
Physical Dist.	Strict	Strict	No Groups	No large bunches	Normal
Max Group Size	5	10	50	No Limit	No limit
Face Masks	Age 2+	Age 2+	Age 2+	Optional/TBD	Optional/TBD
Live Singing and wind/brass inst.	Not recorded in building	May be recorded for service	May be recorded	May be recorded	Normal
Mode	Online	Online/Sanctuary	Online/Sanctuary	Wherever	Wherever
W.F. Symphony	No	No	No	No live brass/sing	Yes
Sewing Clubs	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
Line Dancers	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
Community Groups	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
Red Cross	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Entrance/Exit	1 Door for each	1 Door for Each	1 Door for each	1 Door for each	Normal
Bathrooms	1 person at a time, 1 use per cleaning	1 person at a time, 1 use per cleaning	1 person at a time, 1 use per cleaning	Normal, sanitize each day	Normal

Notes:

Building Use is majorly restricted by the Conference until Phase 4. Before that, it is limited to staff, volunteers & designated services (essential).

We will revise building use agreements and contracts to reflect new requirements such as face masks, hygiene, physical distancing, cleaning and other Covid-19 realities.

All doors to unnecessary rooms will be locked - including office, until needed.

The leader of each group will monitor the guidelines for the group. Pastor Mike will check in every now and then to see how it's going. Attendance for Contract Tracing will be a written log.

TO DO LIST

Pray

Create Entrance/Exit Signs

Buy face masks.

Keep sanitizer available for hands, chairs, surfaces...

Ask groups to create an Attendance System.

Coordinate with Custodian

Stay in contact with Outside group leaders

Committee Meeting Guidelines

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Committee Meetings	PHASE 1	PHASE 2	PHASE 3	PHASE 4	PHASE 5
High Risk Pop.	Please Stay Home	Please Stay Home	Please Stay Home	Discretionary	Normal
Physical Dist.	Strict	Strict	No Groups	No large bunches	Normal
Max Group Size	5	10	50	No Limit	No limit
Mode	Online	Online/Sanctuary	Online/Sanctuary	Wherever	Wherever
Face Masks	Age 2+	Age 2+	Age 2+	Optional/TBD	Optional/TBD
Chairs	N/A	N/A	1 chair per use	1 chair per use	Normal
Seating	N/A	N/A	In family groups	In family groups	Normal
Entrance/Exit	1 Door for each	1 Door for Each	1 Door for each	1 Door for each	Normal
Bathrooms	1 person at a time, 1 use per cleaning	1 person at a time, 1 use per cleaning	1 person at a time, 1 use per cleaning	Normal, sanitize each day	Normal
Handouts	Online	Limited	Limited	Normal	Normal

Notes:

In-person Committee/Church meetings can begin again in Phase 2, limited to 10 people in masks.

The Sanctuary will be used to help social distancing. People can still ZOOM into meetings.

Face masks will be required of everyone through Phase 3 if within 6 feet of each other. Optional after that. We will have masks on hand, if nec. If someone doesn't wear a mask during the required times, the space is shut down for a week. Pastor and Committee Chair will enforce.

All doors to unnecessary rooms will be locked - including office, until needed.

Chairs: Chairs will be a one-use per week for phases 1-4. Used ones will be stacked along south wall and wiped down in the week. The next meeting will use new chairs.

We will take written attendance for Tracing.

Sanitation: Tables will be wiped down before and after meetings. Pastor and/or Committee Chair will make this happen. Water fountains are closed.

Bathrooms: 1 person in the bathroom at a time. 1 use per stall per cleaning. We have a way to notify others that the stall is unclean. We prefer if people would go at home. "Go before you Go" could be a

catchphrase! The custodian will be in charge of sanitation supply inventory.

Entrance will be through the front doors, and exit will be through side doors in Phases 1-4.

High Risk Populations: The CDC gives examples such as persons ages 65+ , those in care facilities and those who have underlying medical conditions. It will be up to each individual to police themselves - we will not stop anyone from coming to worship.

Folks entering and leaving the worship space in Phases 1-4 cannot stop and chat with other groups of people or clutter up hallways/doorways. Take the chat with other family groups outside. Painful, I know...

Handouts - we ask that handouts be electronic, if possible. The passing of sheets around the table cannot happen until Phase 5. We ask the Committee Chair or Pastor to hand out paper, if necessary, with gloved hands.

TO DO LIST

Pray, Create Entrance/Exit Signs, Buy masks and gloves, Keep sanitizer available for hands, chairs, surfaces..., Create an Attendance System per county requirements.