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Upcoming Considerations from the Worship Committee...

ATTENTION

ALL Elders

and Deacons:

One person is needed for each Drive Up service for the month of November. Please call the office to let us know if you are interested in serving at the 8:00 or the 10:30 service.



So far, in this time of uncertainty as to when Covid will start subsiding, we have held our own with being able to continue Drive Up services. But, the weather is beginning to make it difficult to continue with this. So what are we considering as options?

There is only one clear solution, and that is to move the service back inside. But, here are things we must consider to make this successful in the safest way possible.

First and foremost, there is a strong possibility we will only be able to hold one service per Sunday. This is based on the fact that, following guidelines set forth by SCHD and CDC, we are not able to have appropriate and acceptable distancing in the Chapel, so services normally held there would have to be held in the Sanctuary. There would not be adequate time to clean and sanitize between our normal service times of 8:00 and 10:30. Therefore, we must consider a temporary change of moving to one service. The Worship Committee will decide on a time that

will optimistically be acceptable to everyone. We must understand that there will have to be a little "give and take" from all during this adjustment time.

Our services will have to be a little different then in the past. Our pews will be blocked off to allow proper distancing. Families can sit together. And, if you ride with an individual to the Church, you may sit together as well.

Congregational singing will not be able to take place. We hope to fill the Sanctuary with some piano duos, or solos, from Donna and Kay. And occasionally have a few singers provide some songs, if we can safely do that.

Communion will continue to be available in the pre-packaged form that we are currently using at our Drive Up services. An elder or deacon will pass these out as you enter the sanctuary.

We will have a tithe/offering box available for you to put contributions in. Givelify is another way to continue giving.

There will be many precautions that we will have

to follow, such as having readily available hand sanitizer, protection shield around the ministers pulpit, masks, no use of hymnals or Bibles, no congregating in the Parlor or Sunroom, and no coffee or snacks. How we enter and leave the Sanctuary will change. All of these things will be explained and finalized in our next newsletter so that you are prepared, and aware, of any differences. The newsletter will be sent out around November 23 to give you ample time to go over these necessary changes.

Even with all the changes being made, some will still not feel safe coming indoors for services. We have a solution! For those who would prefer to remain in the parking lot, we will continue handing out communion and bulletins under the awning for the worship service, and you will be able to hear the entire indoor service over your radio, as you do now for the Drive Up.

Please join us in prayers as we continue to prepare for an inside service that will be safe for all those who attend.



November Birthdays and Anniversaries

1- Finley Asbury
 2- Phil Perkins
 4- Norvelle Brown
 Ramona Green
 6- Butch Ash
 7- Jim Dryer
 Evelyth Hill
 Julie Hoffelmeyer
 8- Daniel McGraw
 11- Randy Quinn
 12- Channing Coslet
 Robert Crawford
 Les McKinney
 13- Karl Caldwell
 Kaitlin Clemons
 Marge Ford

14- Ali Evans
 Jeanne LaRue
 15- Charles Marsh
 Debbie Tucker
 16- Melanie Dowell
 17- Marcia Phillips
 19- Liam McCord
 20- Jeff Swinger
 21- Sharron Martinez
 22- Tanner Clemens
 Amy Clemons
 Cole Igo
 23- Jennifer Marquess
 Lou Soendker
 Anita Wright
 24- Leroy Wise

25- Jason Amary
 26- Kendalyn Joliff
 Doug Kueker
 27- Anniston Clark
 Jeff Coslet

Anniversaries

1- Blaine & Tiffany Thornton
 3- George & Michelle Porter
 7- Mark & Dianne Harvey
 12- Charles & Ruth Marsh
 24- Jack & Micki Uhrig
 28- Mike & Carrie James
 30- Ken & Virginia Bryant



The November Board Meeting will be November 11 at 6:00 PM via Zoom. The meeting ID is 829 2957 9383 The passcode is 8LH4Rj. Please contact the Church office if you have any questions on how to attend.

Nov. 1-Rev. Randal DeMasters
 Nov. 8-Rev. James Richards
 Nov. 15- Willie Harlow
 Nov 22- TBA
 Nov. 29- TBA



Plans are underway for our annual chili supper and silent auction. This year, the chili supper will be a drive-through only event on December 4. The silent auction will be virtual via Zoom with an opportunity for you to see (and even bid on) the items in person prior to the online event

Watch for more information in the newsletter on how you can help us raise money for the 13 organizations that benefit from this annual event.

Please contact the office or Ginger McGraw if you can help in the following ways:

1. Provide individually-wrapped brownies,
2. Cook the chili and make sandwiches Friday morning, December 4,
3. Work the chili supper carry-out. (You will be contacted for your choice of times to work.)

The silent auction will be much smaller this year, so we are not actively seeking items. However, if you have an item you were planning to donate, please let Ginger know at 620-2480.



Calling All Cooks...

We need your help! There are some members in our congregation that are going through some rough times. Whether it's emotionally or physically, life gets hard. Some families need a little helping hand, and this thanksgiving...let's give them that. I propose that we provide meals for members who are unable to do so themselves.

I am looking for a few good cooks who would be willing to prepare one dish of their choice. We need the staples-stuffing, mashed potatoes, rolls, green beans or corn, cranberry salad, turkey...you get the idea. Or of course, any one of YOUR favorite thanksgiving day treats. Make enough to provide for all families on our list, scoop it into bowls, and bring to the Church.

Can't cook? How about providing some "Betty Crocker" or "Rubbermaid" storage bowls for the cooks? Short on cash, but not on time? How about offering to deliver the meals? We can all help in some way.

I will keep a list at the office of those who are willing to provide a dish. After that, all I ask is that you bring your food, in bowls, to the Church office on Wednesday, November 25. I will let you

know how many households we will be serving by the 20th.

If you would like to have a Thanksgiving Day dinner delivered to you, please call the Church. If you know of someone from our congregation who could benefit from a dinner please let me know. Some are often too proud to call for themselves...so let's be their voice.

I am so excited about all of us pulling together as a family, and helping out those who are just a little bit in need this year, for whatever the reason may be.

I can't WAIT to see all the goodies that you will share. I have been to many Church dinners...we have some amazing

cooks!! So please, keep in mind, if you need a taste tester...I am right here!




Learning and Leaning,
Hope

(Please contact me if you have any questions.)

A reminder that beginning January 2021, our newsletter will no longer be bulk mailed. If you would like to continue to receive a copy in the mail, please contact the Church office by December 15. The website will be available on our website, fccmarshallmo.org, and hard copies will be available in the Church Parlor.





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