

# OAKLAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## COVID-19 & Social Distancing

**WELCOME BACK!** *Many of us are in that “high risk” category based on our age and/or underlying medical condition. Therefore, we have established a few guidelines to operate as safely as possible based on CDC, State, local, and BWC guidance. We have received special training on cleaning and sanitizing the facility, and will fully clean facility after each use. We have a number of hand sanitizer stations, and are looking at other sanitization options as well. We will adjust these guidelines as needed after a few weeks of experience and with any new CDC, State or BWC guidelines that may come out. We welcome suggestions on improvements that will make you feel safer.*

**PERSONAL DECISION & HIGH RISK CATEGORY**- We recognize that whether you are high risk or not, it is a very personal decision on when you feel comfortable coming back to church, and we respect your decision. However, we would encourage those that are at risk to continue to participate in church virtually.

**FACE COVERINGS REQUIRED FOR EVERYONE** – Masks/bandanas required for all adults and children. We will have a few extras to give out if you don't already have one. Can anyone bring extra children's masks?

**ADULT MUST ACCOMPANY CHILDREN AT ALL TIMES** – If child needs to leave sanctuary, an adult must accompany them to ensure safe social distancing, hand washing and other safety behavior.

**MAKE RESERVATIONS** – We are setting up chairs in sanctuary to comply with social distancing. Please use form on church website **Oakland-church.net** or send an email to [oaklandunitedmethod@comcast.net](mailto:oaklandunitedmethod@comcast.net) with number of adults and children who will be coming. If we have more requests than we can accommodate, we will consider a second service. If you have questions, please call church 304-725-3737.

**PARKING** – Please park in every-other space for social distancing. Please use all doors to enter building so there is no bunching.

**SOCIAL DISTANCING** – We are a church that loves to hug and shake hands. However, for everyone's safety please remain 6' apart at all times.

**NO FOOD OR DRINKS** – We are also a church that loves food and beverages, but to ensure safe practices we want everyone to keep their masks on, which prohibits eating and drinking in facility at this time.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL WILL REMAIN ON ZOOM AT NEW TIME, 8:30-9:30.** We know that some members will be cautious about going out and want to still provide the opportunity for all to continue Sunday School.

**TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY WILL REMAIN ON ZOOM** – Continue current schedule of Tuesday, 6:00pm.

**PRAYER & FELLOWSHIP WILL REMAIN ON ZOOM** – Continue current schedule of Friday, 7:00pm.

**PASTOR TIME WITH YOUTH WILL REMAIN ON ZOOM** – Sunday, 6:00pm.