



*“How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord Almighty!
My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.
Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest for herself,
where she may have her young—a place near your altar, Lord Almighty,
my King and my God. -Psalm 84:1-4*

June 8, 2020

Dear brothers and sisters,

It is a wonderful joy to share with you that starting June 21, 2020, our campus will reopen for worship and small groups. In an effort to do this well and fulfill our vow to “do no harm” and “watch over one another with love”, each person who comes on campus will be expected to follow enhanced health practices put forth by our Governor, our UMC Bishop, various health professionals and state agencies. This will include: keeping a distance of 6ft between individuals/families, wearing face-coverings/masks, and keeping hands sanitized. The cleaning of the campus will also be elevated with high touch surfaces being cleaned frequently. (You will find all guidelines in the enclosed Phase II document for Blackwater UMC.)

Both the Sanctuary Service and The Table will offer two opportunities for Sunday worship in order to accommodate all who want to gather with us while adhering to social distancing guidelines. An online registration system will be used to ensure we can welcome new people while making seating available for our existing members and friends. Beginning Monday June 15th, please visit the church’s websites to reserve seating for yourself and those you quarantine with. Once capacity is met for your preferred service, you will be directed to register for an alternate time. If you have questions about using the online reservation system, call the Church Office M-W-F from 9:00am to 1:00pm and speak to Malyndi West.

Sanctuary Services

8:30am & 10:00am

(Families with children are welcome at either service)

The Table

9:00am – ‘Sit Still Service’

(For adults/families with kids who can remain seated for the length of the service)

10:45am – ‘Active Family Service’

(For families who need a bit more space for wiggle room)

While it is hard to believe, three months have passed since we’ve been together as a community of faith. We’ve missed gathering with you in person, and we are thankful we have been able to continue connecting through the use of technology. But in all honesty, nothing will be better than seeing your face (ok, only the twinkle in your eyes peeking over your mask)! That will be such a huge blessing and we can’t wait!

With Much Love and Anticipation,
Rev. Pattye & Rev. Angie