

June 8, 2020

To our congregation members and friends:

Just a reminder that barring any additional surprise tropical storms (!), Carrollton is reopening the church sanctuary for worship services **ONLY** beginning Sunday, June 14, 2020, for our 10:30 AM worship service. Doors will open at 10 AM. The service will last approximately 30-40 minutes.

We remain under guidelines issued by the city, as well as separate and additional guidelines issued by our Methodist Conference for this reopening.

Hence, we have certain considerations and requirements that need to be in place for this phase of reopening. Here they are:

1. If you choose to attend worship services, worship capacity in the sanctuary will presently be limited to 80 persons.
2. If you are not feeling well, have been exposed to a coronavirus (COVID-19) patient within the last 14 days, or are otherwise uncomfortable gathering in person, please stay safe, remain at home, and join us for worship on our live Internet feed.
3. For the congregation in the pews, wearing a mask in the church service is required, per NOLA regulations.
4. Sunday school at our church property will remain suspended. At present we plan to continue to offer our online Sunday school classes for kids and adults.
5. Gatherings in other areas inside of the Carrollton buildings also remain suspended.
6. Worship **WILL NOT** include congregational singing (musicians only will be offering music), or person-to-person contact (such as passing the peace, passing offering plates, Holy Communion, and the like). Likewise, coffee service will be suspended (congregants can bring their own coffee/beverages in cups or other vessels with lids). Offering may be placed in a special designated offering box at the church.
7. Written information transmitted during the service will be on the church video screens.
8. Please sit only in designated pews, and observe social distancing (excluding your immediate family – immediate family members can sit next to each other).
9. The 2 front doors of the church will be one for entering (the right set of front doors closest to the river) and one for exiting (the set of doors to the left). Please enter and exit the sanctuary in accordance with on-site instructions, maintaining 6' social distancing in the process.

Of course, if you are not at the in-person service this Sunday or on any of the Sundays to follow, we will continue to offer our regular 10:30 AM worship service on our Facebook page on the Internet, www.facebook.com/CarrolltonUMCNOLA.

If you have questions on the reopening, please email those to Pastor Dan at pastor@carrolltonumc.com.

We hope to see you soon!

