

Mountain Valley has recently received permission to reopen the building for Sunday Worship under the guidelines below provided by the UMC.

***If you are ready to come inside, you will need to join the rest of us in following these protocols:***

### **Plan for re-entry for Mountain Valley**

*We are likely to make improvements to the process following our first Sunday as we learn what works best!*

- Members need to register their intent to worship in presence by Wednesday. The church planning team needs to make seating arrangements and get the sanctuary ready. Your confirmation is very important to them!! **Call or text Shelley Wegman at (540 435-6271). She will need to know whether you plan to be indoors or drive-in!**
- Inside worshipers should park on the south side of the building.
- As you arrive at the main front doors of the church, Delores Reid will meet you for check-in which will include a temperature check and several health questions.
- Ushers will guide you/your family to the assigned seating
- Seating will be arranged with 6 feet of social distancing and by homes or families that have constant contact.
- Every other pew will be closed to provide safe social distance.
- People will enter through the main doors and exit through the side doors under the direction of the ushers.
- Visitor seating will be arranged as long as temperature, health, and contact info is given and satisfactory. You may need to be contacted should there be an exposure issue.
- Doors will be opened by ushers or with a door stopper to avoid touching handles or doors. An automated hand sanitizer dispenser is at the entrance for all to use.
- Bulletins will be sent by email and copies will be set in the pews to avoid contact, and trash cans will be placed at each exit so each person can properly dispose of their own bulletin.
- Reading to yourself will be encouraged during the call to worship and opening prayer as participatory speech and song has proven to increase exposure should any virus be present.
- Humming and reading along will be encouraged instead of singing (lyrics will be in the bulletin)
- Access to bathrooms will be available as we will encourage people to wipe down contact surfaces (handles and such).
- Offertory will be taken up as people enter: an offering plate will be in place and taken at the end of service to keep contact at a minimum.
- Families with children will be seated by the exit in case the child cannot keep the mask on and they need to step outside.
- There will be no children's church and no invitation for children to come to the altar. Children's message will be done without children coming up to avoid closeness and keeping social distancing.
- If a person/child cannot wear a mask he or she will be invited to join us from their car or through facebook live.

-If a person has flu-like symptoms we will ask them to kindly protect everyone else and stay home.

**-Should you develop Covid or any flu-like symptoms post service,** please notify Shelley or the Pastor immediately. This is to protect the health and safety for everyone involved and others may need to be contacted to stop the spread.

### **After service**

-Ushers will direct all in the vacating of the building through the side doors immediately following the service.

-Doors will be kept open for air to circulate and Lysol will be used.

-Door handles will be wiped down.

-Bathrooms will be cleaned and sanitized by wiping down and Lysol.

This will all take some time for getting used to. But it is a step in the right direction for getting us back on track for safely worshiping God together again!

### **Sunday, 11:00 a.m. Worship in Mountain Valley Sanctuary**

