



CENTREVILLE  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## COVID-19 Update

Centreville UMC has sought to care for our neighbors by taking a conservative approach to encourage social distancing in order to limit the spread of the virus in accordance with guidelines from the State of Maryland and CDC. We have also been in contact with Queen Anne County's Public Health Department for guidance as well.

Our Sanctuary can seat approximately 80-85 people by adhering to the guidelines listed below. Our in-person attendance has not been anywhere close to that number with both services combined.

**We are currently worshipping within the 50% capacity in our facility.** Our leadership believes that we will be able to gather with social distancing guidelines adapted for worship. Those who are most vulnerable to COVID-19 will be encouraged to stay at home and utilize the online worship services through Facebook and the church website (<https://centreville-umc.com/>). Access to the online worship service will be available at both the 8:40am and 11am services each Sunday.

### **Guidelines for In-Person Worship**

We ask that each person planning to attend worship self-check their temperature at home prior to arriving. If your temperature is elevated, please remain home and utilize our online worship option. Worshippers are also required to wear a mask while in the building. Your mask should cover your mouth and nose.

**Seating:** Seating will take place in every other pew. Family Household Units may sit together, and we will ask non-household units to keep a minimum of six feet between your neighbors. (Consider sitting on the pew ends only which will give the at least 6 feet required between persons or family units).

**No-Touch:** There will be a strict "no-touch" policy during worship. You are encouraged to consider giving your offering and gifts to the church via online giving, through your bank, or mailing. There will be a basket in the Narthex for those who do bring an offering

(no formal offering will be done during the service). Communion will be served in pre-packaged communion cups to limit contact.

**Bulletins and Handouts:** Weekly bulletins and handouts will be produced during this phase. Hymnals and Bibles have been removed from the Sanctuary during this phase. Scripture will be shared, and a message will be delivered during each service. Please take these with you when you leave worship.

**Greeters and Ushers:** Greeters and Ushers will be asked to refrain from shaking hands as parishioners enter and exit the building. The worship space and public areas will be thoroughly cleaned and sanitized during the week. Doors will be propped open to prevent multiple people touching the same door.

**Hand-Sanitizing Stations:** Hands Free Hand Sanitizing stations are in place outside the sanctuary. We ask that each person please sanitize hands as they enter.

**Singing:** Those in the congregation are required to wear a mask while singing. For those who are not comfortable with corporate singing, the back two rows on the ground level on each side of the sanctuary will be reserved.

**Sunday School:** Children's Sunday school originally set to resume on November 22<sup>nd</sup>, has now been postponed to re-opening sometime in January.

**Other activities of the church and outside organizations:**

We will be assessing the use of the building for Bible studies, and other church groups individually. Likewise, requests from outside groups will be evaluated as requested and once determined if the group can maintain proper CDC guidelines.

The church offices are currently open from 9am – 4pm Monday-Thursday, and Friday's 9am-3pm. If you have a need or concern, please contact the church office at 410-758-0868 or email at [office@centreville-umc.com](mailto:office@centreville-umc.com). You can reach Pastor Karen at 302-245-4221 or [khandy@centreville-umc.com](mailto:khandy@centreville-umc.com).