



**JUNE 21<sup>ST</sup> SET FOR RESTART OF IN-PERSON WORSHIP SERVICE**



These three rules, established by John Wesley, are part of the guiding principles that help United Methodist Christians make decisions everyday. They are grounded in scripture and undergird the prayerful process our council has followed in adopting a plan for re-opening in-person services of worship.

**Do No Harm.**  
**Do Good.**  
**Stay in Love with God.**

Following these rules, our church council has adopted a plan that:

1. Is grounded in the great commandment: loving God, loving neighbor and loving self (Mark 12:30-31) by doing as Jesus and Wesley did, putting an emphasis on physical health and wholeness for all, especially the vulnerable and marginalized .
2. Uses all the available wisdom of science, medicine and research we can find to make decisions that enable our communities to be safe and feel safe (James 1:3-5)
3. Values community as a fundamental human need and as a crucial dimension in ongoing spiritual formation and growth into the likeness of Christ by finding new ways of cultivating community and deepening spiritual life (Romans 12:2)
4. Continues our mission of making disciples who worship, grow and serve in love.
5. We are so excited to be able to have in-person worship again, but understand in this moment of faith; God also calls us to take care of the "least of these." Below are the precautions we are taking in Phase 1. Keep in mind that, while these changes may seem drastic, it is just Phase 1 of several and is in accordance with the recommendations from the SC Bishop and CDC.

**CHURCH COUNCIL CAREFULLY CONSIDERS AND LAYS OUT PLANS FOR SAFE IN-PERSON WORSHIP SERVICE - DATE TO RESTART SET FOR JUNE 21<sup>ST</sup>**

One in-person worship service will be held in the Sanctuary June, 21<sup>st</sup> at 11am.

1. Those who are vulnerable based on age or medical condition are encouraged to abide by CDC guidance and continue to worship virtually rather than in person.
2. Online worship services (through Facebook at 11am and our website), Children's YouTube channel and other virtual worship

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experiences will continue.

3. There will be limited (approx. 100) seating for the service to ensure proper social distancing.
4. A link to RSVP for the in-person worship will be emailed each week and available online.
5. Self check protocols will be given and you are encouraged to seriously review these before attending.



When you come to church, please expect the following:

- Maintain a 6-foot distance from those outside your household when entering and exiting.
- There will only be one entry under the portico and exiting will be directed by rows.
- No physical contact (hugging, shaking hands, elbow bumps, etc.).
- To participate in shared safety, cloth masks will be required indoors. If you do not have one, we will have disposable ones.
- To facilitate contact tracing, everyone must register attendance. It will be maintained for three weeks.
- Doors will be propped open to avoid touching handles.
- Offering plates will not be passed. "No-touch" offering boxes will be provided and online giving is encouraged.
- Pew Bibles and Hymnals will be removed. No paper bulletins will be used.
- No coffee, food, or water will be served, and water fountains will be off. Feel free to bring your own drinks in a spill-proof container.
- Hand-sanitizer stations will be provided in the Narthex.
- Infants, children and youth will worship with their parents in the sanctuary. Disposable activity bags will be available.
- The nursery, with service audio, will be available for parent and child if needed. There is a limited capacity.
- Music will consist of solo vocalists or instrumentalists. Congregational singing is not advised at this time.
- Please wear your nametags as we won't be able to see faces as well.

Careful sanitation of high touch areas has been and will continue to take place regularly. Thank you for your patience during this time as we work to celebrate and worship God together as safely as possible.

## Self Screening is the Loving Thing to Do

Besides following the in-person protocols in place at church, you should screen yourself the morning you plan to attend church.

Ask:

1. In the last two weeks have I had close contact with someone who has COVID-19?
2. Am I personally, or is anyone in my family, or at work, experiencing any one of these symptoms?
  - Temperature above 98.6 or if you feel feverish or have chills
  - Difficulty breathing
  - New or worsening cough
  - Sustained loss of smell
  - Sore throat
  - Vomiting or diarrhea
  - Aching throughout your body



Covid-19 Screening

If you observe any one of these symptoms, stay at home. If the symptoms persist, call your doctor.

It is also possible to be contagious but not show any symptoms. Wear a simple cloth mask when you go out to protect yourself and others. You can also take this test online and it will additionally screen you for personal risk and give you a print-out with the results. [www.apple.com/covid19](http://www.apple.com/covid19)



How to **stop worrying**  
and live your life  
with **confidence**

The new

**Covid -19 Screen**

It's easy and  
only takes a minute



# CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2020 PUMC HIGH SCHOOL & COLLEGE GRADS!

We can all agree that our hearts go out to the class of 2020. Whether a child was graduating from kindergarten, seventh grade, high school or college, the last three months of their school was altered in a way no one could've predicted nor was prepared for. For years, it has been PUMC's to honor our graduates with a typical southern luncheon complete with fried chicken and all the wonderful dishes our congregation creates. Knowing that this wasn't possible, the ladies of the Ruth Adkins Circle put their heads together to develop a way of honoring our graduates to help them feel the love of God through our congregation. Signs for each graduate were placed in front of the church to show the community how proud we are of these young adults and a drive-thru celebration was created. Thank you to everyone who took time to come and speak with each of these grads. It meant a lot to these young persons and their families to know they are prayed for and cared about.

Wallace Family Life Center – Many summer service projects have been cancelled but the need for our support is more than ever. Please consider picking up some school supplies for the students at WFL Center in Bennettsville, SC. Bennettsville is a poor, rural community and the Center tries to provide educational, recreational and religious programs for the community. If it's more convenient, financial donations are certainly welcome as well. Linda Honeycutt will be going to the center in late July. Contact Linda to arrange pick up of donations 803-548-6239.



Kayleigh Bryan  
- NAFO -



Claire Cotton  
- Clemson -



Sally Harris  
- FMHS -



Parker Hundley  
- FMHS -



Landrie Smith  
- USC -



Jamie Petrella  
- FMHS -



Colin Traywick  
- FMHS -



Michael Matchinske  
- FMHS -



Kaitlyn Williams  
- NAFO -

# PYG - PHILLY YOUTH GROUP

Youth will still meet virtually for Sunday School using Zoom at a new time - 9:30 am! This should allow time for your family to go to the in-person worship if you choose. Zoom links are emailed each week.

PYG met in person Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm in the fellowship parking lot at Philadelphia! They played games, fellowship, and have a lesson all while maintaining social distancing! Parents were welcome to stay. Please know that the health and safety of our youth are my top priority! The evening was done from a safe distance, but I definitely understand any hesitation to return to in-person activities, so no worries if you aren't ready to send your youth to PYG yet! Check your email for more information and a survey to come soon for help in planning summer events! If you are not currently on our email list, please send an email to [maggie@pumcfortmill.org](mailto:maggie@pumcfortmill.org) and we will get you connected to all things youth!



*Worshipping In Love: The youth practiced social distancing at its first PYG in-person meeting in weeks on Sunday June 14<sup>th</sup>.*

## NURTURE COMMITTEE

Since we've not been able to meet in person and worship together at church the past several weeks, the PUMC Nurture committee would like to take an opportunity to let everyone know that our work still faithfully continues. The way we assist and support may look a bit different during this challenging time, but our willingness and resolve to serve and minister alongside Pastor Becky is stronger than ever. Our ministries wouldn't be possible without dozens of caring volunteers. If you are interested in more information about the many teams that make up your PUMC Nurture committee, below is an overview of each along with method(s) of contact.

### FAN (Faith, Activity, Nutrition)

This group provides opportunities to grow your faith as you improve your health. To that end, we have offered a Tai Chi balance class, Prayer walk groups, a Prayer Walk guide, a running group, and information on various health and wellness topics. Currently, the running group is still meeting. We all run at our own pace so we can stay physically distant. Contact: Kristin Gommer, [akek1999@hotmail.com](mailto:akek1999@hotmail.com).

### Prayer Shawl Ministry

At PUMC, compassion and the love of knitting/crocheting have been combined into a prayerful ministry that reaches out to those in need. If you have a loved one in need of comfort due to illness, loss or crisis, we would be glad to provide you with a shawl to give to that person. We also have small hand held wooden crosses and tiny pocket prayer squares. We welcome anyone who would like to help make shawls. Contact: Kristin Gommer, [akek1999@hotmail.com](mailto:akek1999@hotmail.com).

### Shut-In Ministry

Caring for those members who are in nursing homes, homebound, or otherwise unable to regularly attend church service is the focus of this ministry. Each shut-in has an assigned PUMC volunteer who calls and/or visits them, along with sending cards and bringing occasional treats. Contact: Jennifer Gaia, [jengaia@comporium.net](mailto:jengaia@comporium.net) or 803-504-5667.

### Meal Care Ministry

This group prepares meals/snacks for people who have been in the hospital, have had a death



*Serving In Love: Marion Kettles and Emily Proulx call on Lib Bass, a shut-in member. Personal contact is a vital mental boost in these times of quarantine.*

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in the family, or are going thru serious illness. At times, they also cook/bake things for the shut-ins “just because”. The Meal Care group has taken over 30 different offerings to the sick and shut-in during the Coronavirus stay-at-home order. You can be involved as much or little as you wish. Contact: Eve Chapman, [evechapman@comporium.net](mailto:evechapman@comporium.net) or 803-207-2391.

### Good Friends

Our newest ministry! We will seek to shepherd, encourage and support new members as they search to become involved in the life of the church (mission projects, small group, and other areas of involvement).

Contact: Fran Ray, 704-587-0424 or [frandagran@gmail.com](mailto:frandagran@gmail.com).

### Caring Cards

We mail birthday, sympathy and cards of encouragement to persons in the church family. As each need becomes known to us through Pastor Becky, email communication is sent to caring cards volunteers asking that they extend support to those in need as they're able. Contact: Jan Davis, [stevesmom@comporium.net](mailto:stevesmom@comporium.net) or 803-389-4942.

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### Philly Friends 18-23

We mentor and support young adults during the year by praying for them, sending emails, cards, and if possible, a small goodie on occasion. The ages of 18 to 23 are period of transition where our young people need spiritual role models as they begin their adult lives. They're often away from their home church, family and friends. This is a great opportunity to bond with a young person and extend the love of Christ. Contact: Holly Johnson, [bowersholly18@gmail.com](mailto:bowersholly18@gmail.com).

### Senior Friends

For adults 55 years and older, Senior Friends, typically meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month at the church unless the group has a planned outing. With the changes and challenges brought on by the pandemic we've missed everyone the last two months, but we want each person to be safe. Please watch for announcements in church newsletter or by email for information about when we will resume meeting on a regular basis. Contact Caroline Helms or Linda Honeycutt, [honey6239@comporium.net](mailto:honey6239@comporium.net).

### Lay Eucharist Ministry (LEM)

Every month there are members of our faith community who are either dealing with illness, recovering from hospitalization, are home-bound themselves, or are caring for home-bound members and are not able to worship with us, therefore; they are “unwillingly absent” on Communion Sunday. Lay volunteers are commissioned by Pastor Becky to bring the Sacrament of Holy Communion to these persons. On Communion Sunday, the Pastor consecrates the communion kits and the volunteers then take their kit for delivery to the scheduled recipients. If you know of someone who is unwillingly absent who would like to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion in their home (or hospital/rehab facility) please call the church office or you may call Pat Broome at 704-763-8344. Since most of the “unwillingly absent” are our most vulnerable, we are working to be able to safely deliver the sacrament.

### Hospital/Rehab visit and New Member Meal Ministries

As the Coronavirus pandemic has sent our congregation, community, and the world into uncharted territory, these ministries have been placed on pause. Due to limitations of visitors allowed within hospitals and rehab facilities along with limits that social distancing, public/food safety, and other considerations, we're not quite sure when these ministries will start a “new normal”....or how that may look. However, the PUMC Nurture Committee is still forward focused with our congregation's safety at the forefront of any decisions made as we look forward to the time when we can gather together once again. Until then, we continue to provide ministry and support as needs become known and situations allow. If you have any questions about Nurture Committee in general please send an email to [nurture@pumcfortmill.org](mailto:nurture@pumcfortmill.org).



Serving in Love

## MISSIONS COMMITTEE

### Fort Mill Care Center

Fort Mill Care Center needs for June: canned veggies, pork & beans and cereal. Donations may be made at the Care Center on M, W, F from 9am-12pm, 2760 Old Nation Road.



## BLOOD DRIVE A BIG SUCCESS

On Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, two large red Bloodmobile buses arrived at Philadelphia UMC to collect blood from 40 donors. All time slots were full! Approximately half of the 40 donors were from PUMC and the others were from the community.

Leslie Hathaway, our account rep at ONEBLOOD, says when there are events like floods or a pandemic, more people seem to give. "But we need blood all of the time, for cancer victims, those in car accidents and on and on."

On the big red buses is a logo that says, "Why Do You Give Blood?" Sherry Pearson said, "I have always wanted to give back to those in need and have donated blood for a long, long time." Jewel Bounds, another PUMC member said, "Many years ago, my youngest daughter was bitten badly by a dog and required several pints of blood. I made a promise then and there that if I was healthy and able to give blood I would. And I have kept that promise for years now."

And from a personal point of view, when I was a boy, my father would always come home early one day every two months or so. I would say, "I guess you gave blood today since you get a half of a day off from work when you give." He responded, "Yes, it's a nice perk but I give blood because I think it is a civil responsibility to do so. We as a family cannot spare much extra money for charities but the one thing I can give is my blood every two months." And he did, he gave several gallons of blood during his life, which was a lifesaver for many people.

Even though I did not give blood regularly for many years, his words about giving stayed with me and now I have become a regular donor. One hour every two to three months is not too much to ask of myself and it is NOT painful.

Look for the next blood drive at PUMC in about three months. I hope you at PUMC that are healthy and meet the qualifications to give will consider becoming a donor. Thank you, Richard Shirley.



*Serving In Love: OneBlood Big Red Buses received blood donations from 40 donors at recent blood drive.*



*Serving In Love: Several of our members were able to "Get On The Bus!" and gave life saving blood in June.*

## LADIES' BIBLE STUDY

Ladies' Bible Study provides fascinating Bible study and fellowship. We will continue meeting via Zoom, through the present study. It will be approaching fall when we will decide on a new study and perhaps we will be able to meet at the church by then if conditions allow.

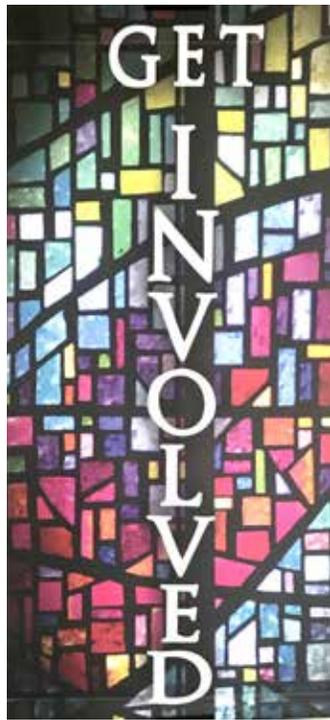
We've begun meeting face to face at someone's home once a month. We feel comfortable meeting outdoors and keeping social distance. This is a time to visit, have the comfort of personal fellowship, and a short devotional. This is an opportunity for the ladies who haven't joined us on Zoom to be part of an in-person gathering. We meet at 10am.

The LBS is open to all women. Jean McDade is our leader and teacher. Linda Jacoby is co-teacher and Jennifer Gaia is secretary and council connection.

Contact Jean McDade [jmcdade@comporium.net](mailto:jmcdade@comporium.net).



*Growing In Love: Once a month, Ladies' Bible Study takes a break from Zoom meeting and meets outside at a member's home for a devotional and fellowship.*



# SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES MEETING ON ZOOM

## Adult Sunday School

Adult Sunday School is now on Zoom. Have you ever thought about joining an adult Sunday school class? Here is how to connect.

### Logos and Disciples meet together – Sundays at 9:00am

The class is Bible focused. That means we learn more about Scripture, but it's not Bible Study. We don't memorize verses. No previous familiarity with Bible details is required. There is no lesson book; no required daily readings. The sessions are discussion style and will have personal meaning for you. Next we take up an 8-lesson series on the Old Testament called *The Bible Jesus Read*. This is good stuff about the Bible as used by Jesus.

Contact Bill Ray to get a link. [billnoneray@yahoo.com](mailto:billnoneray@yahoo.com), or 404-414-4649.

**Seekers – Wednesdays at 7:00pm.** No one is a stranger! We are multi-generational, vocal, engaged, informal and we love to laugh. Currently, Kristin Gommer is facilitating our discussion on some of Paul's letters. Short scripture readings are helpful to engage, but not required.

Contact Cindi Cahaly, [cahaly@comporium.net](mailto:cahaly@comporium.net).

## UNITED METHODIST MEN

Men in the Mirror will meet Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:30am via Zoom. Contact Bill Ray for link: [billnoneray@yahoo.com](mailto:billnoneray@yahoo.com)

Gun Safety will be scheduled soon. Conditions allow an outdoor event like this.

We will need to wait until contagion conditions improve before we are able to schedule dinner meetings. Knights Baseball will probably not be played this season. Fall Festival, with BBQ chicken dinners and pulled pork must await developments. As you know, Strawberry Festival was cancelled this year. We remain financially sound, but cannot take on much in the way of missions until we raise some money. Your officers will keep you informed as we see the way to safely restore our activities and missions.

## MENTORS AVAILABLE WITH CAREER AND EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION

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- How to prepare to meet your next employer
- Labor market information about the fields including locations, pay, how these jobs will be 10 years from now and much more
- Where to find help with job barriers and also how to get training

If you need help navigating this site or need help with basic computer skills, please reach out to Herb Tesh (803)517-8365.

It is also not too late to volunteer as someone who can provide advice about a career field. We need volunteers who are currently working as well as those who have retired. The current economic downturn has people wondering where to turn. Should they go to college? Technical school? Graduate school? What careers will best suit their skills and interests? What are the pros and cons of switching career fields? What are the rewarding sides of a career field, the downsides and the job prospects? To learn more or to join our volunteer career network, please email [Maggie@pumcfortmill.org](mailto:Maggie@pumcfortmill.org) and/or [douglas.ray2011@gmail.com](mailto:douglas.ray2011@gmail.com).

### **Proverbs 27:17**

**17 As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.**

**New International Version (NIV)**

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