

Life at Cokesbury

October 15, 2020

Return to In-Person Worship

This Sunday at 10:45 a.m., we will return to in-person worship in the sanctuary. With revised guidelines issued by Bishop Leeland and Governor Cooper, we will be able to gather together again, but with several restrictions. It will take some getting used-to. You will want to arrive early in order to allow time for new guidelines.

By coming to church on Sunday, you will be agreeing to wear a mask, to sign in, affirm that you neither have coronavirus symptoms nor have been exposed to anyone who has tested positive for coronavirus in the last two weeks, to be seated socially distanced by an usher, not to use the public restrooms except for “emergencies,” and to abide by other restrictions that are necessary for everyone’s safety. In addition, we will not have any congregational or choral singing, passing of the peace, passing of offering plates, registration pads, or offering envelopes. Offerings will be received at one location at the entry/exit to the building.

These things will all be different. It will be great to be together, but it will feel so very different to us all. However, these are unusual circumstances that will require the patience of everyone. We are trying to follow the historic Methodist command to “do no harm,” which requires that we exercise an abundance of caution in planning for in-person worship. Even in the midst of the Covid-19 pandemic, we are still the Body of Christ no matter what rethinking of our gatherings is necessary.

If you are interested in serving as an usher, please notify Joan Gillis (jgillis@cokeburyumc.net) at the church office.

Livestreaming of Worship to Continue

As we return to in-person worship in the sanctuary this coming Sunday, we realize that everyone may not feel safe by gathering in numbers. This is both expected and even appreciated. Everyone’s health and assurance is essential. We will continue to offer the worship experience beginning at 10:45 a.m. on Facebook Live and on YouTube for those who wish to share in worship online. Livestream is a legitimate way to worship and stay connected with your church family.

Charge Conference

Cokesbury’s annual charge conference meeting will take place Monday, October 19, at 7pm. Voting members of the charge conference are the members of the Ministry Board, presidents of the United Methodist Women, United Methodist Men, and clergy whose annual conference membership is held at Cokesbury. Pastor Jonathan will preside over the required meeting which will include acceptance of 2021 apportionments, approval of the new leadership nominations for 2021, approval of the pastor’s salary, and the editing of our membership rolls.

Everyone is invited to participate in this meeting even if you are not one of the voting members of the charge conference. Simply notify Joan Gillis (jgillis@cokeburyumc.net) at the church office so that we can send you an invitation to the ZOOM meeting.

Membership Rolls to Be Edited at Charge Conference

Every year we read the names of those who have not participated in congregational life for a long time. Normally a person will not appear on this list if they have attended worship, participated in church programs, given financially, or been in contact in some way. That's why we make the list public and read the names out loud. If those names have been read at a third consecutive charge conference, the Book of Discipline mandates that they be dropped from our membership rolls. Names that are being read for the first or second time are: (Unknown attachment. We have no address) There is also the list of Absentees not listed previously.

Ministry Board Meeting

Once the charge conference on October 19 has adjourned, the Ministry Board will be called to order to conduct their normal business. If you wish to participate in that meeting, simply notify Joan Gillis (jgillis@cokeburyumc.net) at the church office so that we can make sure you have an invitation to the ZOOM meeting.

Music at Cokesbury

Sadly there will not be another Music at Cokesbury this year. Hopefully, we will be able to gather again soon inside with more than 25 people. The Queen City Ringers will also not be able to perform in December, but we'll see what happens in January. We plan to bring Music back to Cokesbury as soon as possible!

Please Keep These People in Your Prayers

Dan & Kay Dumas

Deanna Long

Diane Bolster (going to Royal Park Rehab. today)

Randy Pitcock

Karen Glazer

Katie Postel (grandniece of Mary Freeman, needs kidney)

Owen Henley (tested positive for Covid-19. Still at Appalachian State in quarantine)

Upcoming national, state, and local elections