

Reopening...

First Methodist
of Union County 



Our reopening task force has worked and are continuing to work hard to plan a phased reopening and guidelines that will allow us to reopen safely and responsibly. We appreciate your support and your patience. Below you can read information about our four phase reopening plan. (Revised 9/3/20)



Our phases of re-opening are based on hard data from the website <https://www.globalepidemics.org>. This site has a color-coded map based on a 7-day rolling average of new daily cases in each county.

TO FIND THE CURRENT COVID - 19 RISK LEVEL FOR UNION COUNTY GO TO www.globalepidemics.org CLICK ON GEORGIA THEN MOVE CURSOR TO UNION COUNTY

- If Union County is **RED**, we will hold in-person worship in the MAC with social distancing and masks and a limited order of worship. Outdoor areas will be available to groups by reservation through the church office 3 days in advance. Curbside service will remain available at the Church office door from 9am - noon.
- If we are **ORANGE**, the church office will be open 9am-noon, Monday thru Friday. Church Sanctuary will be open for prayer on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9am-noon. Fellowship Hall and Youth room will be available for use by small groups of 10 or less with social distancing and masks by reservation 7 days in advance.
- If we are **YELLOW**, Fellowship Hall and Youth room will be available for use by small groups of 25 or less with social distancing and masks by reservation 7 days in advance.
- If we are **GREEN**, we will begin to open other parts of the building to groups with social distancing and other safety restrictions if needed.

Any worship decisions will be made by the risk level on Thursday at noon prior to Sunday.

Please Note! This will take the guesswork out of our decisions to move forward or to reverse our course. Our priority is to make the best decisions for the health of our congregation. This will also make our process observable by the congregation and the community.

FUMC Reopening Phases...

PHASE 1

OCCURS... WHEN UNION COUNTY RISK LEVEL IS RED

Outdoor Campus is Open

- ◆ We will hold in-person worship in the MAC with Masks, Social Distancing, and a limited order of Worship.
- ◆ Outdoor areas open for small group usage (If unable to social distance, use masks). Call the church office to reserve spaces at least 3 days in advance.
- ◆ Church office (only) will be open for curbside service from 9am - noon Monday thru Friday.

PHASE 2

OCCURS... WHEN UNION COUNTY RISK LEVEL IS ORANGE

Outdoor Campus is Open

- ◆ Church office will be open 9am - noon.
- ◆ Church Sanctuary will be open for prayer Tues. & Thurs. from 9am - noon.
- ◆ Fellowship Hall and Youth room will be available for use by small groups of 10 or less with social distancing and masks by reservation from the church office at least 7 days in advance.

PHASE 3

OCCURS... WHEN UNION COUNTY RISK LEVEL IS YELLOW

Community Worship

- ◆ Fellowship Hall and Youth room will be available for use by small groups of 25 or less with social distancing and masks by reservation from the church office at least 7 days in advance.

PHASE 4

OCCURS... WHEN UNION COUNTY RISK LEVEL IS GREEN

Returning to Normal

- ◆ Will take effect when our public health officials announce the virus is under control or a vaccine / treatment is readily available.
- ◆ More building access opens up with limited to no restrictions

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Suggested Guidelines for Small Group Use of Outdoor Spaces at FUMCUC...



- † All outdoor spaces must be reserved at least 3 days in advance by calling Evelyn in the church office. *(She can't wait to talk to you!)*
- † If you are feeling ill, stay home. *(We love you but we don't want your germs.)*
- † All participants should wear a mask walking to their reserved space and stay 6 feet apart. *(We know, we are sad too!)*
- † Keep all greetings contactless. *(We suggest waves or smiles only!)*
- † Bring your own everything including chairs, Bibles, hand sanitizer, water, etc.
- † Outside current church office hours, the church building will not be open, including for restroom use.
- † *The building may be closed, but the church never was. Remember, YOU are the church!*



"For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and a sound mind." 2 Timothy 1:7

The church does not close, only the building. Because we are the church, the living body of our Lord Jesus and we are everywhere.

