



Oak Forest United Methodist Church

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Rev. Rick Carter, Pastor

Dear Oak Forest Congregation,

Over the past year and a half, we as a church, have made many strides to continue to safely engage in worship and other ministries that are so very vital to us as disciples of Jesus Christ. It is our desire to continue our worship and other ministries within the walls of our church while showing love for our neighbor and adhering to safety protocols for the well-being of all.

On July 28, 2021, the Western North Carolina Conference of the UMC issued guidelines and recommendations regarding worship and other ministries inside church buildings. We recognize the importance of worshipping in the Family Life Center and the Sanctuary and continuing to engage in vital ministries. Therefore, the Trustees proposed a protocol, and the Church Council approved the protocol as a response to the continued spread of the Delta variant of the COVID-19 virus for in-person worship and other ministry activities within our church.

Due to the continued spread of this Delta variant we are implementing the following protocol:

- It is strongly encouraged that both vaccinated and unvaccinated persons wear masks while in the building for worship and other ministries and meetings within the church.
- Masks should be worn in any meetings/Sunday School in small classrooms.
- Wearing masks is required while inside the building around children during the After School Program hours.
- Use the Family Life Center whenever possible for meetings and other approved activities.
- Maintain social distancing in seating arrangements in the Sanctuary, Fellowship Hall and Family Life Center.
- The Trustees will be limiting renting/booking of the Family Life Center.
- Utilize portable air cleaners in all gatherings.
- Continue to utilize hand sanitizer/hand washing.
- If you are not feeling well, please stay home.
- Please observe social distancing where a preferred distance is marked on the floor for offices within the church unless invited otherwise; i.e., Administrative Assistant or others.

As we continue our efforts to love our neighbor and keep everyone as safe as possible with COVID-19, the Trustees reserve the right to make changes in policy and direction as situations dictate.

Betty Hughes
Chair of Church Council

Jim Tesh
Chair of Trustees

Rick Carter
Pastor

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