



Fairfield Circuit (Bethel UMC)

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Bethel Church Family,

For the past year plus, we've had major things that have changed not only the landscape of the church but our world in general. Since returning to in-person worship, we've been following guidelines provided by the CDC and from the United Methodist Conference. We can honestly say that we've been truly blessed by God to not have one service canceled since we returned to in-person worship. While members of our church have been directly affected to COVID-19, worship has continued at Bethel, and we continue to pray for those affected by this deadly virus.

We greatly appreciate everyone filling out the two surveys that we've provided for you concerning whether we should return to singing as a congregation. It was such a blessing for our choir to return last Sunday as we joined together in hymns and during the offertory. The information from the CDC and the guidelines from our conference have allowed for us to return to singing as a congregation and our last survey states that you are eager to join in singing as a congregation. However, we ask that do continue to follow some of the guidelines that they have offered.

If you have not been vaccinated, we recommend that you continue to wear a mask during our worship services and while you sing. If you have an underlying health condition, we recommend that you continue to wear a mask during our worship services and while you sing. Others may wear a mask at their discretion even if you have been vaccinated.

We've provided for you resources that have been viewed that make up this decision. You may view these links at your own discretion.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated.html>

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/cloth-face-cover-guidance.html>

<https://www.umcsc.org/bestpractices/>

“Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you.” -1 Peter 5:7 (NRSV)

Sincerely,

COVID-19 Task Team (Pastor Ben, Mr. John Glass, & Mr. Ben Hornsby)