



WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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*"Committed to
Live, Grow and Serve
in Christ"*

July 21, 2020

Dear Friends and Members of Wesley UMC,

My hopes and prayers are that this COVID-19 Virus will fizzle out and that we would develop a safe immunization soon. We are already social distancing and disinfecting high touch surfaces regularly. However, I am a planner and have thought about policies that might best protect our members and staff. I am sharing two new policies, so everyone has the same expectations moving forward.

If Williams County reaches Orange/Level 2 in the Ohio Public Health Advisory System, Wesley UMC will **require** masks during worship and will have no congregational singing; we will still have musicians and song leaders to inspire our hearts. Also, during a level two advisory, no groups over fifteen members may meet in the building.

If Williams County reaches Red/Level 3, Wesley UMC will suspend in-person worship and will not allow even small groups to meet at the church. The staff will remain available for an indeterminate number of weeks at a level three advisory.

We have contracted with 96.5 FM to play our Sunday worship **at 10am** one week after we record it. We live-stream worship at 9:30 and 10:45 on FaceBook. We celebrate that this week was the first time Rev. Christine Case appeared on our Bryan Cable program! If you have ideas that would serve you better, let me know.

Many more of our members now know friends and family that have been affected by the virus, many do recover, but some have not. May the peace of Christ rule in our hearts even during times such as these. Call us for encouragement and connection. No one should allow this pandemic or any other hurdle to separate them from God's love through others.

Blessings,



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July 23, 2020

Dear Wesley UMC Members and Friends,

We will expect you to follow the governor's mandate while at church.

Below is the order from: <https://governor.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/governor/media/news-and-media/covid19-update-07222020>

STATEWIDE MASK ORDER : Governor DeWine announced that beginning on Thursday, July 23, at 6:00 p.m., a statewide mask mandate will go into effect for citizens living in all 88 Ohio counties. "Our preliminary data indicate that the rate of increase in new cases has slowed in the high-risk counties where masks are already mandated, so we are cautiously optimistic that things are heading in the right direction," said Governor DeWine. "We believe that requiring masks statewide will make a significant difference and will be key to making sure other counties do not progress to a higher level of increased spread."

All individuals in Ohio must wear facial coverings in public at all times when:

- At an indoor location that is not a residence
- Outdoors, but unable to maintain six-foot social distance from people who are not household members
- Waiting for, riding, driving, or operating public transportation, such as a taxi, a car service, or a private car used for ride-sharing.

The order only requires those 10 years old or older to wear a mask.

Additional exclusions include:

- Those with a medical condition or a disability or those communicating with someone with a disability;
- Those who are actively exercising or playing sports;
- Those who are officiants at religious services;
- Those who are actively involved in public safety; or
- Those who are actively eating or drinking.

Schools should follow the guidance previously issued pertaining to masks.

In Hope,