

EMILIE OUTREACH NEWSLETTER

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Emilie UMC will continue to provide online worship opportunities via Facebook livestream.

VISIT emilieumc.com for more information on Online Worship

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please email your prayer requests to the church staff, leave a message on the church voicemail or submit them on the church website.

3 ways to give



in person



by mail



online

In Person Worship to begin, Sunday July 5th at 9:30AM

We are so thankful that we are able to open the doors of Emilie for in-person worship and would like to make you aware of the changes that you will see/ experience beginning July 5th.

A video walk-through of the building and what to expect when you return can also be found on the church website.

Most important: if you are an at-risk individual, if you are sick, have been around someone who is sick, or if you are just not yet comfortable coming back for in-person worship with the guidelines below, we ask that you continue to worship from home. Emilie will continue to offer online worship, so you can choose the option that works best for you and your family.

WHAT TO EXPECT

Entrances: Everyone is asked to enter either through the glass doors at the front of the church or the 3 red doors off of the back parking lot.

Masks: Everyone must wear a mask while in the church building. If you do not already own a mask, there will be masks provided (limited quantity available).

Sanitizing: Upon entering you will be expected to sanitize your hands and sign in, so that we can contact trace if necessary.

Social Distancing: Inside the building we ask that you please keep social distance and only sit in the available pews, which have been calculated out to allow for proper 6ft social distancing.

Bathrooms: There are now 2 unisex & handicap accessible bathrooms near the glass door entrance to the church that we ask everyone to use on Sunday mornings as needed. The bathrooms in the Day School are to be used **only** by the school for the time being as a way to minimize possible contamination risks to the children and workers of our Day School.

Prayer requests: To be shared during worship on Sunday morning, prayer requests must be submitted by Saturday at noon in one of three ways. You may submit your request online, leave the message on the office voicemail, or you may email it to the church office using office@emilieumc.com.

Offering: Everyone is invited to continue to give online or drop your giving in the designated box on your way into worship. For now we will not be passing an offering plate.

Communion: Modifications have been made to how we will partake in communion together as a church. As you enter the sanctuary you can take a pre-packaged communion cup from the table in the narthex. We ask that you hold onto this until instructed to open it during the service.

Children in Worship: see page 2 for what to expect.

Singing at Emilie: see page 2 for what to expect.

Please know that all of the new procedures were thought out using guidelines offered by the CDC as well as the EPA UMC Conference leadership. Our main focus is providing a safe worship environment for all of our church family. We ask that you follow the guidelines as well, as a way to show love and care to your neighbor.

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'"
Matthew 22:37-39

Note: We do not know what the future holds and there may come a time in the near/distant future where we may need to once again suspend in person worship for the safety of everyone in our community.



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2020 GRADUATES



On August 9, 2020 we will be celebrating our graduates during worship. If you would like to help shower them with some Emilie love and a congratulatory card, you may mail it to the church (7300 New Falls Rd, Levittown PA 19055) or drop it through the slot in the church office door.

Our graduates are:

-Allisia Girton graduating from Pennsbury High School

-Heaven Kerr graduating from Charter Lane High School

-Noah Riefner graduating from Pennsbury High School

-Matt Calderone graduating from Bucks County Community College



Emilie's Thrift Store will remain closed, until further notice.

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

As always, children are welcome in worship here at Emilie. Please note the following changes and prepare your children before you attend worship in the building.



·Children will remain in the pew with their family during the service.

- o We will have a children's message, but the children will stay in the pews during this time.
- o There will be coloring pages and activities for the children but there will not be a separate children's church.
- o We encourage families to bring an activity bag with them to worship for their child if desired.

·The nursery will be closed.

·If your child needs to use the restroom, you will need to take them to the bathrooms by the Sanctuary/ church office. The bathrooms by the Day School are not open for use on Sunday mornings.

·We are glad that our children feel comfortable at Emilie but for now, they must remain with you while in the building.

·Children over the age of two are asked to wear a mask, like our youth and adults.

·Out of consideration for others, children who have a fever, cough, or are showing signs of illness should worship from home to protect the health of our congregation and community.

We will be live streaming our Sunday morning worship at Emilie for those families and individuals who are unable or uncomfortable attending worship in the building at this time. If you have a child who is not receiving the weekly children's church activities in the mail, please contact the church office at 215-945-5502.

Let us know your address and the child's name.

Thank you!

Ann



SINGING AT EMILIE DURING THE COVID-19 CRISIS

While Covid-19 continues to permeate our society, there will be an absence of live group singing in our church.

Doctors have discovered that this virus can be transmitted in the microscopic particles of our breath, called aerosols. These aerosols are emitted with the greatest force while we are singing. So much so, that even our social distancing and masks might not be enough to contain it.

Because of these findings, we recognize that singing together at this time presents too big a risk. We will seek other forms of music for our worship, such as piano, organ, instrumental, or prerecorded special music videos. As we begin to reopen our church, we want to proceed cautiously, guided by what science tells us so far about risks and how to minimize them, until the infection rate in our state has slowed to safe enough levels, or a vaccine has been found. I know that you will miss singing the hymns, and our choirs and praise band will miss their beloved ministry opportunities. Know that this moment in time, is just that...a moment. The restrictions will eventually be lifted, and these time honored ways of praising God will return!

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If you are interested in reading any of these studies on aerosol production, or singing in the time of Covid, please contact me at ryanfleming55@yahoo.com, and I would be happy to share them with you.

Blessings to all,

Ryan

