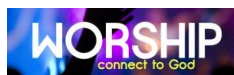


EMILIE OUTREACH NEWSLETTER

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WORSHIP OPTIONS



Modified In-Person Worship Sundays at 8:15am in the main Sanctuary. This service will be an abbreviated worship most resembling our blended worship service. Doors will open at 8am



Emilie UMC Worship Services premiere live on our Facebook page every **Sunday at 9:30am** and are then available to watch anytime thereafter.



Contact the church office for information on the weekly Call-in Worship option.

If you have prayer requests or other needs, please contact the church office. You are loved and valued by your church family.

In-Person Worship to begin, Sunday November 8th at 8:15AM

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 November 8th.

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 wearing a mask and following the guidelines below, we ask that you continue to worship from home. Emilie will continue to offer online AND call-in 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 covering your mouth & nose while during worship and while inside the building. Note: Face shields do not replace the need to wear a face mask, covering your mouth & nose.

Sanitizing: Hand sanitizer will be available at all entrances.

Attendance: We kindly ask that you sign in, so that we have an in-house record of who was present for in-person worship. This list is for church use only, if needed for contact tracing.

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: Please continue to submit your prayer requests in one of the following ways: you may submit your request online (emilieumc.com), leave the message on the office voicemail (215-945-5502), or you may email it to the church office (office@emilieumc.com).

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

Communion Sundays: 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.

“Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.”
Philippians 2:4

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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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 if children are in attendance for worship, 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. You may grab these from the table in the narthex and take them home with you following the conclusion of worship.
- 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.

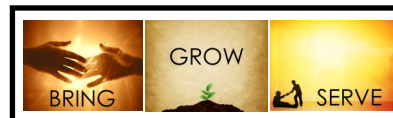
·We are glad that our children feel comfortable at Emilie but for now, they must remain with you while in the building.

·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.

Our Sunday morning worship will be available online 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!



If you would like to hear information about the virtual choir or other musical opportunities, please contact me at ryanfleming55@yahoo.com

Blessings to all,
Ryan