

Pastor's Update, Wednesday, July 1, 2020

Happy Wednesday to you, Wilmore FMC. Here are several important announcements about things to come:

Communion Details for This Sunday: We will share in Holy Communion this Sunday. For you who are worshipping at home, communion elements are available in the church foyer during office hours – 8:30a to 1:00p daily. They are pre-packaged and include the wafer and the juice in one unit.

For you who will attend in-person worship, the elements will be able to be picked up as you enter the sanctuary. They will not be distributed, but we will recite the liturgy and partake together.

Some Notes About In-Person Worship: In person worship this week will work the same as this past Sunday: the Sanctuary will be available for all who wish to sit there on a first come, first served basis. Additionally, Room B200-201 will be opened with livestream capability for overflow seating or for anyone who simply might prefer that space. Regarding the elements (pre-packaged) for the Lord's Supper, since we will pick them up on the way into worship, we will not need to process to the front to receive them, which will help with social distancing guidelines.

Masks While Moving is an initiative that has begun in our schools. Please consider adopting this strategy for the health and welfare of our brothers and sisters in our gatherings.

Once again, you can find a Quick Facts Version and a Fully Explained Version of how we're working out worship [by clicking here](#). If you haven't already, please take a look at these links.

2020 High School Graduates Service: We will be honoring this year's high school graduates and celebrating the work the Lord's doing in their lives on Wednesday night, July 8 in the sanctuary, which will act as a kickoff to our restating of Wednesday night ministries. Two notes about this:

- 1) It would be helpful if you could let either the office (office@wfmc.net) or Pastor Andrea (atinsley@wfmc.net) know you're coming...for space planning purposes.
- 2) The service will be shown via projection in Room B200-201 and / or the Great Hall if overflow seating is needed. Unfortunately we are not able to livestream the service on YouTube due to music copyright issues. The service will be recorded, however.

Fireworks This Saturday: The R. J. Corman Company will be sponsoring fireworks this Saturday for Independence Day. [Please note on their website that the location from which they will be initiated has changed](#) - they have moved it further toward Nicholasville. This means that the fireworks may or may not be able to be seen from the church grounds. We're simply not sure. The church grounds will be open for viewing if any would care to do so, but there will be no social / food / official church event of any kind and the buildings (rest rooms) will be closed.

Independence Day Outreach This Saturday: We could use some more help giving out bottles of cold water to those watching the Wilmore July Fourth parade. If you'd like to help, contact Craig Saunders at crsaunders4@gmail.com ASAP.

Children's Coloring Sheet for Independence Day. [Click here to download](#).

Wednesday Night Ministries Re-start Plan: We are planning to begin Adult Prayer Meeting, Summer Fun Children's Ministry and our Youth Ministry on July 15. This includes Nursery care for small children.

Locations: Prayer Meeting – Room B200-201
 Summer Fun Children's Ministry – Rooms
 Youth Ministry – Building C Great Hall

Some details about all this you'll probably want to know:

Nursery: The "Healthy at Work" guidelines for childcare centers are in place for Nursery.

- We will check temperatures of all who pass through the preschool wing doors (including volunteers).
- Volunteers will wear a mask; children will not.
- Volunteers will wear gloves when changing diapers or feeding children.
- We will wash hands often-- just like normal (when changing a diaper, wiping a nose, preparing food, etc.)
- We will be extra vigilant in removing toys that have been played with (even if they were not mouthed.)
- The nursery will be fully cleaned after each use.
- We will check volunteers in just as we do the kids, thus keeping a record of all who have been in the preschool wing.

Summer Fun Children's Ministry:

Who: Children age 4 through grade 4 whose parents are in Prayer Meeting or working with Youth
When: 7:00 – 8:00p.m.
Where: Grades 1-4 in Building A, lower level
Age 4 and 5 in Building B Preschool Wing

We will do everything possible to keep your children safe. Masks will not be required, but we will do our best to sit with distance between us. We will have some class time and some playground time.

Wednesday Night Youth Ministry: It is with great excitement that we invite our youth (rising 6th graders through recently graduated seniors) back on campus on Wednesday evenings at 7:00p.m. beginning July 15 for prayer, presence and study. Though our gathering will look a little different these days, we are so looking forward to being together. We will continue to follow the "Healthy at Work / Worship" worship guidelines. Our plan is to:

- Meet in the gym or outside (depending on weather) to allow for plenty of space to be together.
- Eliminate snacks/meals during the summer youth group gatherings.
- Avoid games that would cause us to be too close to one another.
- Promote hand washing/sanitizing upon entry of Bldg C.
- Avoid singing as a group.
- Avoid congregating in the entryway of Bldg C.

Prayer Meeting will meet in Room B200-201 in a socially distanced manner. We'll work through the hearing issues as best we can as we go. Blessed are the flexible. 😊

Wearing Masks While Moving on Wednesday night is strongly encouraged. We will do our very best to maintain social distancing guidelines in all our activities.

At This Point, Some Are Probably Wondering why we are restarting Wednesday Night ahead of Sunday morning ABFs / YBFs / Sunday School. Really, it has to do with space, time and attendance numbers. Summer Wednesdays require fewer rooms and involve fewer people, so we can spread out more. Additionally, some of our ABFs are finding it easier and healthier to continue meeting via Zoom. We will be piloting the return of a couple ABFs to in-person meetings in the next couple weeks, to see how that goes.

The Latest Electronic Edition of the Light and Life Newsletter [is available by clicking here.](#)

Pastor Andrea's Youth Newsletter is now available. [Click here to download your copy.](#)

The Color of Jesus Video In light of the recent call from some in the Black Lives Matter movement to remove any images of Jesus that indicate Him being Caucasian, [here is an interesting and helpful video produced our own Sean Gaffney.](#)

Covid Comment / Missionary Moment: is now available from [Thad and Nikki Roller](#). Just click their names above and you'll be directed to that video.

Tech Costs: As I've mentioned previously, the church is doing fine, financially. We have, however, encountered some unforeseen costs for technological equipment that we need in order to continue to live-stream. If you feel the Lord nudging you to give toward that beyond your tithe, please note (tech) on your gift.

Blessings to you all!

Pastor Daryl