Pastor's Update, Wednesday, June 10, 2020

Happy Wednesday to you, Wilmore FMC. I greet you in Christ's name.

Getting Ready for In-Person Worship, Beginning This Sunday, June 14!

Many of us will celebrate worshipping together again in a few days, and while we certainly understand, we will miss those who cannot attend. We wait patiently and expectantly for the day we'll all be together again.

If you intend to be present at in-person worship, please don't forget to either call or e-mail the office and let us know you're coming – for planning / space reasons. Additionally, here are a few details you need to know:

- Please review the updated Quick Facts and / or Full Details / FAQ of how this will work by clicking here.
- Remember that worship begins at 8:30 a.m. Please plan to arrive 5-15 minutes early for seating.
- Please avoid awkward situations by not extending hands for greetings. This is the total opposite of our normal, friendly tendencies, but it's what we have to do for now.
- So far, about 150 have indicated plans to attend (which is typical of churches our size 25% +/- of a normal weekly attendance.) While the great majority would prefer to be in the sanctuary, we will not have enough room for that to happen, so if you have indicated you are willing to gather in the Building C Great Hall please do that, entering through the Building C doors (by the playground.) If you plan to sit in the Sanctuary, use the main doors of Building A.
- In the sanctuary, we can maximize seating if families of 5 persons or more will sit in the center section and family units of four persons or less will sit in the outer, side sections.
- Please sit on the ends of the rows, leaving 3 seats between yours and other family units.
- Please use care in observing the distancing guidelines between family units in entering and exiting.
- Please note that, although we're taking many precautions in the interest of safety, there is, of course, no way to guarantee a "safe" environment, and that is because there is always a level of risk in gathering and interacting with other persons. The fact is, information about all this is still unfolding daily, the science is not yet a clear guide, and many unknowns may well exist for some time. This statement should not be read as a disclaimer.

 We simply want everyone to be as informed as possible because we respect and care about one another.

World-wide Online VBS: Families - if you are missing VBS, then be sure to mark your calendars for this world-wide VBS. There will puppeteers, magicians and storytellers presenting the Gospel to kids all over the world! We have registered our church and more details will follow in the weeks ahead, but mark the dates of June 22-25 or June 29-July 2. Click here for the website and description.

A New Covid Comment this week, from missionaries Mike and Vicki Reynen. Click here for that video presentation.

Please Keep our Nation in your prayers – that liberty and justice for all would be the reality of our culture, that healing would come to those who hurt, and that the body of Christ would be the agents of reconciliation and peace-making we were created to be. What if we all took the initiative this week to hear from and understand someone not like us?

Along These Lines, a Movie Suggestion: During the month of June, Warner Bros is offering the movie, *Just Mercy* for free on streaming services (YouTube, Google Play, etc.) *Just Mercy* (based on the book of the same name) is the true story of Walter McMillian, who, with the help of young defense attorney Bryan Stevenson, appeals his murder conviction. One of our ABF's watched it and found it very provocative and helpful. Please note it's rating is PG13.

Pastor Andrea's Youth Newsletter is now available. Click here to download your copy.

Blessings to you all!

Pastor Daryl