

Relaunch Activities for Kenova United Methodist Church Summary From Church Council

We, the Church Council, want to share our Relaunch plans with the congregation. We thank you for your patience during this time of transition.

We encourage wearing masks but respect that this is an individual's decision based on comfort level. We encourage social distancing, as much as possible. Also, those who are sick or have symptoms are encouraged to please stay home and not participate in the in-person worship, meetings, or other ministries. We suggest you watch the virtual worship service or participate in Zoom meetings, when available.

Worship Service:

- In-person worship service will continue at 11:00 am in the Sanctuary with Early service suspended for now.
- The in-person Worship Service may include singing the hymns, Communion, and placement of Bibles and Hymnals in the pews.
- Lynn Salmons, Children's Director, will provide the Sunday morning Children's moment and the children may be invited to sit on the front pew.
- Children's church and Noah's ark will be available on Sunday morning and will occur in the areas designated for the ministries.
- Nursery may be resumed using the guidelines established by the WVUMC which are available on their website.
- Choir may resume but should be tabled until after the Pastor Parish Relations meeting and then evaluated by Randy Davis, Music Director.
- In-person attendance will be taken by a designated individual.
- Offering plates will not be passed at this time but will remain in the back of the sanctuary. We will continue to encourage on-line giving and electronic funds transfer method through your local bank.
- Paper items such as the offering envelopes, prayer request forms, sign-in sheets, bulletins, etc. will not be placed in the pews, circulated, or passed out, at this time. Offering envelopes will be available in the back close to the offering plates for use by the congregation.

The virtual service will continue as is for now with Sam Colvin, Certified Lay Minister, taping the sermon.

Restrooms will be available for use.

All children activities can be resumed with the stipulation that the leaders wear masks and encourage the children (under 12) to also wear masks since they are unable to be vaccinated at this time.

In-person adult Sunday School classes can resume at any time however, children and youth classes will resume August 15, 2021, which is the Sunday before school starts in order to allow teacher notification, purchase of materials, etc.

Vacation Bible School (VBS) should be suspended at this time, however, alternatives to a full VBS should be considered for 2021, and plans made for a full VBS in 2022.

Bereavement dinners may resume but the Snack supper should be suspended for now and evaluated at a later time.

Preschool may continue as it did during the pandemic.

Both the Gathering Place and Fellowship Hall may be rented for external events but will be limited to one external function per week. External functions will be those that are not part of our routine programs such as birthday parties, showers, class reunions, etc. Those renting the building will sign a form accepting the known risks of public gatherings and there may be an additional cleaning fee charged.

Miscellaneous: Eliminate sign-in sheets located in the Welcome Center for when a person is in the facility, the signs on the bathroom door, and the mandatory masks signs. Also, continue to block off the water fountains.

Be in prayer for the church as we begin this transition and remember this plan is fluid and could be revised at any time if an outbreak occurs or the guidelines from the Bishop, Governor, etc. change.