



## **REOPENING FOR WORSHIP AT FUMC**

**During the summer we have been worshipping in Memorial Park. Our intention is to continue to worship there until (at least) the end of September. Many of you have commented on how you would like us to continue outdoor worship for as long as possible. You like being outside and you feel safer. It makes sense.**

**As our ministry team has discussed this we have observed several things:**

**The incidents of COVID are steadily increasing in Cowley County.**

**USD #465 has decided to open schools on September 9 and there may be a surge in cases as that happens.**

**Vulnerable populations are still being told to avoid indoor mass gatherings.**

**Churches, businesses, and schools are moving outside whenever it is possible and feasible to do so: safer environment and more freedoms.**

**New people (not members) keep regularly attending our morning and evening worship in Memorial Park.**

**Our hope is to return to the church sanctuary in the near future. But we are also praying for wisdom about when that should be. It is not easy during these times to make a plan that is set-in-concrete. Much prayer and discussion is involved. Thanks for your patience and prayers. We will keep you updated and let you know when sanctuary worship resumes. God bless you so much!**

**Pastor Dave**