

## **First Washington UMC – Home Church Pilot program**

### **FAQ**

What is Home Church?

- Home church is just church in a home with fewer participants yet all doing about the same thing we would be doing in our church building. It is different than small group.

How long will this be?

- About an hour and a half. Similar to Sunday Worship services.

What will Home Church look like?

- Greeting Fellowship moments for 30 min before church starts
- Begins promptly at a designated time.
- Welcome and Announcement from First Washington
- Lead Prayer Time followed with the Our Father prayer.
- Song Worship
- Troy's Teaching and call for change
- 15 min discussion of key points from message.
- Communion
- Benediction or Blessing to send us out
- Dismissal

Is this a Small Group meeting?

- No. This is Home Church. It will have a connection and fellowship element just like a Sunday Morning worship service, but the key is to focus on the Worship element.

How can we still connect and fellowship? "I am missing fellowship so badly" anonymous.

- The pilot groups will be set up to begin at a designated time for the worship service component, but you are welcome to come 30 minutes early for fellowship time and linger a bit longer after worship service is over.
- Each group is welcome to build a fellowship time into their Home Worship Group if they desire as an extra activity if that is what the group is desiring.

How will we use songs for our worship service?

- Our First Washington UMC church band will be providing prerecorded music for us to use if your Home Church Group would like to select songs.

- Youtube or Vimeo music is available to choose from to participate with.
- Someone within your Home Church who plays an instrument could play.
- Quiet instrumental CD of Hymns or specific music could be selected. Contemplative Reflective.
- Your Home Church leader will select a course based upon each groups unique dynamic.

Will we still have communion?

- Yes. We view that as a blessing to partake of this weekly and we will use the single serve cups at Home Church or blessed elements provided by your Home Group Leader.

How will tithing and giving be handled?

- All giving is encouraged to take place on line or mailed in to the church.

Do I have to wear a mask?

Being in smaller groups during this pandemic is part of the reason for having smaller worship services at the building as well as Home Church sites. You are welcome to wear a mask out of love and caution, but not required. We respectfully ask that you review the CDC guidelines listed below and please do not attend in person if you have any of the following symptoms within the last 48 hours or have been exposed to someone with a positive Covid 19 result.

- fever or chills
- cough
- shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- fatigue
- muscle or body aches
- headache
- new loss of taste or smell
- sore throat
- congestion or runny nose
- nausea or vomiting
- diarrhea [cdc.gov/screening/index.html](https://www.cdc.gov/screening/index.html) 10/17/2020

First Washington UMC Home Church Example:

9:00 am Fellowship and Mingle time

9:30 Worship Service begins

- Welcome to Worship and Announcements - 2 min
- Prayer Time – 5 min
  - Collect green cards from group.
  - Prayer Team sends prayer requests from our church family
  - Our Father prayer
- Song/Worship – Options: - 6 to 8 min.
  - First Washington Praise Band or
  - Youtube / Vimeo
  - Instrumental
  - None
- Pastor Troy’s weekly message with call to change or recommitment – 30 min
- 15 min discussion of key point. 15 min
- Communion Service – 5 min
- Benediction or Blessing at close of service. 2 min

10:30 - 10:45 Church is over

**First Washington UMC Home Church Example with Children’s Church:**

9:00 am Fellowship and Mingle time

9:30 Worship Service begins

- Welcome to Worship and Announcements - 2 min
- Prayer Time – 5 min
  - Collect green cards from group.
  - Prayer Team sends prayer requests from our church family
  - Our Father prayer
- Song/Worship – Options: - 6 to 8 min.
  - First Washington Praise Band or
  - Youtube / Vimeo
  - Instrumental

- None
- Pastor Troy's weekly message with call to change or recommitment – 30 min
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- 15 min discussion of key point. 15 min
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- Communion Service – 5 min
- Benediction or Blessing at close of service. 2 min

10:30 - 10:45 Church is over