

Q & A Corner

Q: Do we know when we'll start worshipping in the sanctuary again?

A: No, the date is unknown at this time.

Q: I thought we had the sanctuary marked and ready for us to return. What else needs to be done?

A: Yes, the sanctuary is ready in that regard. In order to resume worship in the sanctuary and be able to live-stream the service to those who are not comfortable in returning to the sanctuary, a few technical issues with the sound equipment must be worked out. The cameras and other equipment necessary for live streaming has been installed thanks to the generous donations and a grant that were received for this purpose. Volunteers still need to be trained in its use. We greatly appreciate the donor gifts and grant that made the purchase and installation of equipment possible.

Q: Can't we just Zoom the worship service from the sanctuary?

A: While that sounds like it would be simple, it's not. As with many projects, what seems simple is actually far more complex and would require considerably more staff and volunteer time and technical expertise. Since we cannot yet sing in person in the building, our hymns and choral arrangements are pre-recorded and dubbed into the Zoom service. This is done from an off-site location. An additional complexity comes from avoiding COVID-19 and the need for all individuals to be comfortable being near other people for health reasons.

Q: Are you waiting for the conditions to be perfect before we resume in the sanctuary?

A: Maybe not totally perfect, but we do want our live streaming to reflect the quality we're accustomed to. Remember, we're now reaching additional people through the use of technology and we want all of us to experience quality worship to the greatest extent possible. We'll undoubtedly continue to improve this experience through time.

Q: What can I do to help?

A: Pray, remain patient, continue to participate in the Zoomed Sunday service and/or The Gathering in the Peace Garden, enjoy Fellowship Time via Zoom, continue your support of our ministries in the community through your stewardship and volunteerism, and be involved in Sunday School, Bible Studies, United Methodist Women, United Methodist Men, support of the Morning Glory Preschool, helping in the office, supporting FFH, and more. And please wear your mask, social distance, wash your hands often and stay healthy!