

Boonton UMC: Some Helpful Things to Note for Sunday Worship

As of October, we have officially started indoor worship! Here are some things you'll want to be mindful of:

- Worship is at our normal time of 11:15am. Masks will be required to wear for the duration of the service (covering both mouth and nose), and all are expected to maintain proper social distance.
- No bulletin will be handed out, but everything will be projected on the screen. For those who can't see the screen well, a bulletin can be made available if Pastor Donald is given advance notice.
- Hymnals, Bibles, tissues, etc. have been removed from the sanctuary to minimize contact, so we invite you to bring your own Bible and tissues if you'd like either of those things.
- We will be livestreaming our services each week through our YouTube channel, and this is the most recommended way to participate in service if worshipping from home. Simply go to YouTube.com and type "Boonton United Methodist Church" in the search box, which will pull up our specific YouTube channel. When on our channel, if you don't see the live video for Sunday service right away, refresh the page until you see it. All are encouraged to subscribe to our YouTube channel.
- Those worshipping virtually through Zoom will be able to hear the service, but not watch the service:
 - 1) Call 1-646-876-9923
 - 2) Enter Meeting ID: 853 718 2720 followed by #
 - 3) Press # again
 - 4) Enter Password: 29626 followed by #
- Those coming for indoor worship are encouraged to arrive 10 minutes early, mindful that entry needs to happen one at a time, with the exception of couples and families in the same household.
- All are asked to enter the church using the main front entrance. With the exception of leaders like the music director and pastor, people should not be going through the side office door Sunday mornings.
- When you arrive, you will see two volunteers toward the front of the church. Before entering into the sanctuary, one will take your temperature with an infrared thermometer and another will have hand sanitizer for you to put on your hands. If it is Communion Sunday, a volunteer with gloves will give you a pre-packaged communion cup. Masks will also be available for anyone who might need one.
- Those with a temperature of 99.9 degrees or higher will kindly be asked to go home and to worship online through YouTube or via phone through Zoom.
- Two volunteers will be inside to help guide people to their seat each week. Pews will be filled front to back, skipping every other row to maintain proper social distance. The first three to four pews on each side of the sanctuary are blocked off to create further distance from those leading worship up front. When people leave at the end of service, people will be dismissed back to front, one row at a time.
- Couples or family members living in the same household are welcome to sit together. Those who are not living in the same household will have to sit individually, maintaining social distance from others.
- Although our recommendation is that people do not use the church restroom, the church restroom will be available for anyone who needs it or has an emergency.
- Any music during the beginning of service will be reflective (i.e. will not involve congregational singing). When congregational singing is done, it will happen at the very end of service. Anytime congregational singing (with masks, of course) is about to take place in worship, it will be announced, and those not comfortable will be able to leave service at that point. Given some of the reflective portions of worship, people are encouraged to bring something to write on (a journal or notebook) along with something to write with (a pen or pencil) to aid in their worship and reflection.
- To donate to Boonton UMC, people can 1) drop off any tithes or offerings on their way out of worship, 2) mail a check to 626 Lathrop Ave., Boonton, NJ 07005, or 3) donate online at boontonumc.com.
- Prayer requests can be given to Janet Beam at 973-997-0813/janwa@optimum.net or to Pastor Donald.
- Although Sunday School for our youngest children will not be happening for the time being, we will occasionally be having Sunday School for our youth (socially distanced and more conversational).

This is a summary of what we think are some of the most important things to highlight from our "Do No Harm" Guidelines. For more information about our guidelines and the work of our regathering team, email Pastor Donald at pastordonaldk44@gmail.com. We can't wait to worship with you, whether indoors or virtually!