

## *Bethel Church Policy COVID-19*

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- We will be providing in-person worship at the church as well as an on-line service from the Service page of Bethel's web site ([www.bethelumctlh.org](http://www.bethelumctlh.org))
- All participants at the church service should exercise social distancing (six-feet) outside family groups
- We will limit our physical interaction with others
- Families will be allowed to sit together, though different family groups and singles will distance themselves
- Cloth face coverings will be required among congregants and staff (exceptions for the pastor in the pulpit & music leaders) , however they should not be used on children younger than 2 years old, anyone who has trouble breathing or anyone who is unable to remove the face covering without assistance.
- We ask that, if you or anyone in your household is sick, please stay home and participate in our on-line service
- Stationary Offering plates will be located in the narthex
- Hymnals/Bibles will be removed from pews; song/response sheets will be included in the bulletin
- We will be social distancing as we sing
- The HVAC fan will be set on so air flow will be constant during the service
- Those using restrooms are encouraged to practice 20-second hand washing before leaving
- The building including restrooms will be cleaned/disinfected after each service
- Hand sanitizer will be provided at the entrance/restrooms
- Entrance doors will be kept open until everyone is seated and opened again for exit. Door handles will be sanitized in between this time period
- Greeters will assist members to their seats with social distancing in mind
- In the event of over-capacity, individuals will be directed to the narthex and porch entrance area
- Individually Pre-packaged communion cups with wafer enclosed will be available in the narthex for pick up on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month. We will take communion in our pew seats
- At this time we have discontinued all Second Sunday Food Fellowship gatherings
- CDC guidelines will be posted on a bulletin board in the narthex and in restrooms
- Youth Services have been suspended until further notice