

From the Pastor's Desk



Saturday, June 26, 2021

See below for the Church Chat link for this Sunday!

From the Pastor's Desk: **Revision of Covid Protocols** for Montreat Presbyterian Church

God continues to watch over us, and the Spirit is always at work! Effective immediately, **our pandemic safety policy now allows for in-person church gatherings, with health and safety protocols remaining in place.** By and large, we will be carrying forward patterns and practices being implemented by the MRA, both during the summer and when we begin our fall schedule.

Safety procedures will be in place, including provision of masks and hand sanitizer; meeting areas will have been cleaned and sanitized before each event; there must be appropriate ventilation and reasonable space for distancing. Indoor events will aim for limited duration. We are not yet ready to approve indoor dining events, and congregational singing will be kept to an absolute minimum for the time being.

Those who are not vaccinated are requested to observe health and safety practices such as masking, distancing, and refraining from physical contact. Committees and small groups with 100% vaccination rates may gather indoors or outdoors, with masks optional once in the designated meeting space.

These protocols are subject to being updated in accordance with changing circumstances.

If you are experiencing symptoms, or have recently been in contact with someone who has Covid, please bear in mind that even if you are feeling fine—and we hope and pray that you are—you may still be carrying the virus, and consider staying home and caring for yourself until symptoms have had a chance to subside. Where and when feasible, we will do our best to provide virtual, online alternatives to in-person programs and events.

In practical terms:

- We are anticipating in-person worship to continue following the Summer Worship Series.
- Committees, small groups etc. may now choose to meet via Zoom, in person, or in a hybrid arrangement.
- Regular church office hours will gradually start to resume.
- Some specific ministries may still need to be thought through; **thank you** for your continuing patience as we keep on feeling our way, cautiously and faithfully, toward the light at the end of a very long tunnel.

A more detailed protocol document will be posted on our website in the coming week. Thanks be to God for the fellowship of the people of Christ!

K.G. on behalf of the Session of MPC

Congregational Meeting Called for This Sunday, June 27

The Session has called a Congregational Meeting for Sunday, June 27, following worship in Anderson Auditorium for the purpose of electing members to the Nominating Committee. We will try to meet in the front section of pews on the creek side, after some time for greeting friends and neighbors.

The "nominees to join the nominating committee" are **Nancy Midgette, Bill Roberts and Mary Nell Todd**. The meeting is expected to last only a few minutes. All

members of the Active Members Roll are eligible to have voice and vote in a Congregational Meeting.

This Sunday

Church Chat

SUNDAY, JUNE 27

9:30-10:00 A.M.

Click [here](#) to join with friends and neighbors on Sunday morning!

New members and visitors are always welcome. Feel free to join in any time during the meeting!

No one is required to speak; it's perfectly fine just to be there. We are delighted to have your company.

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