

Our primary goal, through this document, is to provide space that is clean and safe while we continue to be mindful of health needs and issues in preparation for a non-touch worship experience. This document helps us, therefore, **do no harm, do good, and stay in love with God!**

Following the Iowa Governor's Proclamation of Disaster Emergency, we strongly encourage all our Church people with preexisting medical conditions or vulnerable health, as well as those older than 65, to continue to limit activities outside their home, which includes in-person worship services, and participation in gatherings of any size.

Limiting face-to-face interaction is the best way to reduce the spread of COVID-19 virus. Physical distancing means keeping a space between yourself and other people outside your home. *You are strongly urged to stay at least 6 feet (two arms' length) from other people who are not members of your household, and not to gather in groups.*

We are taking these unusual measures in order to keep those attending the re-opening of our in-person worship services as safe as possible. *Complete protection from the spread of any form of contagious disease is not possible, and, therefore, by attending these services, we want you to acknowledge and assume this risk.* If you have any concerns in this regard, **you should make your own informed decision with the guidance of your personal physician about attending in-person Church activities.**

Worship Times and Location

- Wednesday at 7 p.m. (virtual worship) – **Join us on YouTube ([Harris and Lake Park United Methodist Church](#)) or Facebook ([Harris and Lake Park United Methodist Church](#))**
- Saturday at 4 p.m. (in-person worship, Lake Park UMC)
- Sunday at 9 a.m. (in-person worship)

Pew Sitting

- Staggered and offset sitting (trained ushers sit congregants).

Passing of the Peace

- No passing of the peace during worship until further notice.

Joys and Concerns

- We will not pass microphones during announcements and the sharing of joys and concerns. If you have any announcement, joy, or concern, please send them to the office (hlpumc@gmail.com).

Children's Time

- Done during worship with kids staying with their parents.
- We will remove coloring books from the sanctuary.

Communion

- No communion until further notice during worship.

Hymns and Bible in the Pews

- We will temporarily remove Bibles, hymnals, pens/pencils, information cards from the pews.
- Knowing that people infected with COVID-19 may spread the disease when they speak and breathe, not only when they cough or sneeze, we will then have limited singing during worship.

Ushering/Greeting

- We will provide training for ushers and greeters while giving them permission not to serve if they don't feel comfortable doing so.
- We will ensure dismissal following worship in an orderly way making sure we observe social distancing guidelines.
- NO handshaking or hugs until further notice.
- If you're ushering or greeting, make sure you stay home whenever experiencing flu-like symptoms.

Offering

- We will have the offering plates in the back of the sanctuary (Narthex) for offering and tithing. As you come into or leave the sanctuary, please drop your offering on the plate.
- We encourage you to use our online giving (www.harrislakeparkumc.org). You can also drop off your offering during the week at the Church office (Monday, Wednesday, Friday, from 12 pm to 5 pm).
- Learn more about all the different ways of giving on our website, www.harrislakeparkumc.org .

Coffee Fellowship

- No Coffee fellowship until further notice.

Sunday School

- Closed for the Summer.

Vacation Bible School

- Cancelled.

Youth Groups (Mid-week)

- Closed for the Summer.

Small Groups

- Men's Bible study continues to meet on Wednesdays at 6:30 am. → Other small groups are closed for the Summer.

Keeping the Building and Classrooms Clean

- Clean and disinfect pews before and after every worship service.

RESOURCES

We will make the following resources available for all to use every day the Church building is open (Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m; Saturday at 4 p.m, and Sunday at 10: 30 a.m):

- Masks (Optional). You can also bring your own. → Hand Sanitizers. → Information on COVID 19 (health safety measures). → Access to Worship programs.

Wash your hands, or use hand sanitizers before and after every Church activity!