

In Between the Weekends

A Weekly newsletter from Rogersville UMC

June3, 2020

Remember worship begins at 10:00 starting this week.

A blessed Wednesday to you.

"For we live by faith, not by sight" II Corinthians 5:7

We are living in a season of time when the world is unpredictable, our lives have changed and we wonder if life will ever get back to normal. We want to go out to dinner, shop in a store, go to the library, be with a family member in the hospital. It is hard to stay strong when we are asked to be compliant. And it has been going on "forever." Sometimes I feel like a kid asking the question, "Are we there yet?" But we still have a ways to go. So how do we stay strong, when feelings of sadness or despair or anger are starting to creep in? We walk by faith, knowing that even though we have different responses to the pandemic restrictions, we are all in this together. That is why worshipping together, whether by Facebook or in limited in person gatherings, is so important. We need to know that God is with us and that our brothers and sisters in faith haven't forgotten us and care about what is happening in our lives and that we are praying for one another. I challenge you to identify three people in the church that you aren't already talking to on a regular basis, I challenge you to call them **this week.** Don't put it off let someone know that we are all in this together and by the grace of God we will come through this time, stronger in our faith than we ever were. I continue to pray for you and ask that you pray for me. Be safe.

Moving forward slowly and lovingly

As we begin the process of reopening the church on June 7th for in person worship and meetings, there is one guiding principle that determines how we meet and when we meet

Do no Harm

Wear your face mask

Remember social distancing

No Hand Shakes or fist bumps, high fives or hugs

What to expect when you return to worship in the sanctuary:

- 1. To have your temperature taken before you enter the building;
- 2. To sit in designated areas only;
- 3. To leave your offering in a plate in the narthex;
- 4. To have attendance taken by one person;

We have our first 25 volunteers for the June 7th service. The plan is to have the audio on a speaker outside. You may stay in your car to listen or bring a lawn chair and sit socially distanced on the lawn. Face Masks recommended for the safety of all. Questions?? Talk to Pastor Carol 315-882-4624

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One Call: Morning one calls are for the Morning Prayer; afternoon calls are pertinent information. On Friday there will be a confirmation of the Sunday worship. Remember, changes in new cases of COVID 19, will affect our ability to stay open.