

Hi friends,

Not a whole lot of new information to share with you this week, but I do want to give you some resources, just to keep you in the know about things happening with the church.

First of all, there is a graphic in this email called "At-A-Glance". This graphic is a quick guide to see what the limits and framework are for the church as we begin to move forward towards re-opening. It is a good resource to have if you have questions about what is allowed at the church and what is not, as we return to life together.

Second, here (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tbMSCy9dsg8>) is a link to an interview that some of our emergency planning team did to give you some background about how we put our plan together and some things to be aware of as we move into that plan in the months ahead. I want to remind you that Benton and Franklin County are still in Phase 1, so nothing has changed in our church's mode of operations for the time being. For the most part, most of us will not notice much of a change in our present routines at church until we move into Phase 3.

Third, (I'm stuck writing in outline form again!) Each Thursday I give a brief devotion and update for any new information we all need to be aware of on the church's Facebook page. I know that some of you do not use the Facebook platform, so I wanted to put out a link to this week's devotion in case you were interested.

(<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=324603888933999>)

Fourth, This Sunday during our 10:30 am worship service, we will be celebrating communion during our virtual time together. For those of you like me who are trying to limit going out as much as possible, I wanted to give you some time to put bread and juice on your shopping lists, if you need to! Here is a link to our YouTube Channel, if you need it -

<https://www.youtube.com/user/PiratesoftheColumbia>.

And, finally, I want to just share a couple of joys from the life of the church. About a month ago I put out a request for those of you who have been sewing masks, to make some for the church that we can use when we move to the place of having in person worship services again. I received news yesterday that there are 601 masks ready for us to use when the time comes! THANK YOU to all of you who have been making those masks and what a great way to display our church's commitment to loving our neighbors and doing no harm! I will end with this great announcement...Dennis & Mary Lynn Arter passed a milestone this week as they celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. Shoot them a note or a phone call to congratulate them!

See ya' on YouTube this Sunday... and... go wash your hands!

Pastor Mark