

St John Church of Christ

May 31, 2020

This Week OnLine

Children's Bible Class

10:00 A.M.

Join Pete and Penelope online at 10:00 A.M.

Adult Bible Class

10:30 - 10:45 A.M.

The next step on the Stairway to Love (2 Peter 1:3 - 7) is *godliness*, the subject of today's class. Join us to learn how to stand in awe of God!

Worship

11:00 - 11:20 A.M.

This Sunday is Pentecost: the Birthday of the Church! The presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives should result in joy, but Paul warns, many Christians grieve the Spirit with their personal bitterness. Learn how to become "Better Not Bitter" this week.

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Grand Re-Opening Next Sunday, June 7th!



It's time for us to begin meeting together again! The elders have announced we will open the doors of our building for worship beginning **Sunday, June 7th at 11:00 A.M.**

The danger hasn't completely passed, so we will still observe some precautions, but won't it be grand to gather again? Here is what you need to know.

ONLINE

We will continue to hold online worship services and classes. Pete & Penelope will still have

their Children's Bible Hour online at 10:00 Sunday mornings.

John will continue teaching the Adult Bible Class online at 10:30 Sunday mornings. We will not hold any classes at the building either on Sundays or Wednesdays just yet.

In addition, we will broadcast the services from our auditorium live starting at 11:00 a.m. The broadcast will include the entire worship service and last about 45 minutes.

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AT THE BUILDING

We will begin with Sunday morning worship only (No classes). We will add further public services as we consider it safe and wise to do so.

Please, we are asking every member to wear a mask while inside the building. It may feel strange, but none of us knows whether we are asymptomatic carriers of the virus: and we know that the tiny droplets of moisture that we all spew when we talk, cough, sneeze, or especially sing can carry the virus. It will be extremely hard to follow the mask protocol while we are singing, but this is the most important time to be masked.

Don't forget to bring your own Bible with you. For the time being, we are removing all the paper hymn books and Bibles from the pews since their surfaces can transmit the virus. Don't worry though, we've been projecting our songs and scriptures for quite a while, and we will continue to do so.

As hard as this will be, we are asking every member to keep at least 6 feet away from each other

and to give up hugs and handshakes completely until the situation improves. We've blocked off every other pew to ensure physical distancing. Likewise, we're asking families to sit together by themselves. It is especial important (and difficult) for children not to sit beside their friends!

We will be using the individually packaged communion supplies as long as we can get them. (They are in short supply at this time.) There will be a box prominently placed where we can drop our contributions.

Hand sanitizer will be available in the building as long as we can obtain it. We will be making special efforts to sanitize the pews before services.

Sadly, but just as important as all of these precautions are, if you are older or immune compromised, we are asking you to stay at home, and worship with us online during this difficult time.

Most importantly, if you are ill, running a fever, or you have been exposed, please worship online instead of being personally present. We know you don't want to possibly expose our weaker members to this dangerous virus.

For Your Prayers

As we are preparing to re-open, we need prayers more than ever. Here is our latest prayer list:

- Carol Gingrich is undergoing tests to resolve some very serious pains in her hand and neck.
- "Please pray for Maren Turner, 2 year old from Great Bend who has Leukemia."
- Likewise, remember Don and Gladys. Kenwood isn't allowing visitors - but you can give them a phone call and talk with them while standing outside their window in back!
- The virus continues to hammer Mexico as it is here. Let's not forget to pray for our missionaries there.

Pray for our online presence as we stream our worship and Bible Classes. Ask God to help us take advantage of these new opportunities!

In addition, let's pray for the safety of our community, our elderly and especially for our children. Thank God for those who are giving their time to minister to them and provide them with meals.

Pray for our families. Many businesses have closed or restricted their hours. Without work, needs are going to be especially great for them.

