

Ken Mawr United Presbyterian Church

CONGREGATIONAL UPDATE – July 22, 2020

Warm summer greetings to friends and members of Ken Mawr Church!

It has been one month since we reopened the church building for in person worship services on Sunday, June 21st. For five Sundays we have gathered at 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM and 11:00 AM to worship God together. Total attendance has ranged from 70-100 on Sunday morning. Following state and county guidance, CDC recommendations, as well as the wisdom of our Session, we have asked everyone to wear face masks when in the building as a safety measure.

Additionally, we have taken temperature scans at the door with an infrared forehead thermometer and kept a log of those in attendance. Instead of passing the offering plates, we have installed offering boxes at each entrance to the sanctuary. Giving our friends at church a wave, rather than a handshake or a hug, is now common practice. All worship information is shown on the screen in the chancel area in place of printed bulletins and some pews are taped off to maintain a safe distance. A team of volunteers clean the pews and surfaces between worship services. We have been blessed to have willing volunteers without whom our reopening would have been impossible.

This Sunday, July 26, 2020, will be our sixth and final Sunday with 3 Sunday morning worship services. **Beginning Sunday, August 2, 2020 we will return to the traditional schedule of two Sunday services at 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM.**

In the midst of uncertainty and changing circumstances, three things have not changed: 1) God is still God. God is our refuge and our foundation. He is sovereign and unchanging. 2) We are blessed with wise and compassionate church leaders. God has given every elder and deacon of our church a specific purpose at this specific time to lead and guide our church. Their leadership can be trusted at such a time as this. 3) The mission of our church remains unchanged: *Declaring God's Grace & Demonstrating God's Love, as Directed by God's Word.*

We will be happy to welcome you back on Sunday morning when you are ready to safely return. Our sincere thanks to all of you who faithfully join us for worship services which are available beginning at 8:00 AM every Sunday morning at our YouTube channel.

In Christian love & service,
Pastor Karl McDonald