



Camp United Methodist Church Reopening Plan

Modified Phase Three Beginning September 2020

As was followed with our entry into Phase Two, Camp has taken into consideration the executive orders issued by North Carolina's Governor Cooper and other public health officials. We (the Task Force) have also monitored the ongoing state and local Brunswick County data as seen on the NC Health and Human Services website. We have started to build on Phase Two and have expanded the list of ministries approved for reopening to include Mother's Morning Out, Youth and Children's ministries, small group discipleships, and others which will begin to come on line over the coming days and weeks (unless increased cases of COVID 19 in our community necessitate otherwise). In concert with Governor Cooper's just released "Phase 2.5 Order," we will also incorporate increases to those who may participate in Camp activities from 15 to 25 individuals inside and 25 to 50 individuals outside. Inside room capacity and the required social distancing will still be the major planning factor for gatherings in smaller rooms or spaces; common sense will need to apply as 25 may be too many. A current exception is in place for the "Soft Reopening" of our corporate Sunday Worship Services which will be held in our main sanctuary beginning this month and special events such as funerals or weddings as the sanctuary may accommodate somewhat larger numbers all while practicing social distancing. During this modified Phase Three, it will be incumbent on Camp and each of us to continue to adhere to the policies and guidance of the COVID 19 Safety Task Force and our Senior Pastor and practice the three W's (facial coverings, social distancing and hand washing/sanitizer) which should have become institutionalized for all us by now.

During this Modified Phase Three:

- Camp will begin with a "Soft Reopening" of our Sunday services beginning on **September 20th**. We will begin with one service each Sunday and alternate between the two formats for the near term. Our first Sunday service on September 20th will be at 11:00 am (traditional), and the following Sunday service (September 27th) will begin at 8:30 (praise and worship). An interim reservation process is currently in place, consisting of contacting the church office and requesting to attend. This will be replaced in the next coming weeks by a more formal registration process once we get that program up and running. We are limited to a total of **70 individuals** (not family units) attending each service; this number takes into consideration the number of clergy, musicians, choir, support staff, ushers and others needed for the service. **There are no walk-in's**. All attendees will be **required** to wear facial coverings (nose and mouth), practice safe distancing of at least 6ft (except within a family unit who will sit together) and minimize potential for personal contact (No Touch) throughout the service. Hand sanitizer will be available throughout the church for use. Entry/exiting for each Sunday service will be via the front doors only, ushers will meet and seat all attending. There will be no



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children's time or offering plates as tithing will be via baskets inside the sanctuary on entering or exiting.

- During Camp's modified Phase Three and the Soft Reopening of face-to-face worship and other campus activities, church staff will resume limited in-person office hours with the details of days/times forthcoming. This may also include a small number of volunteers who will be contacted by the church staff. As always, the 3W's will be in place during these hours of operation and are required for all entering the administrative spaces; the use of appointments is still requested.
- Children and Youth ministries /activities are beginning this month and follow their comprehensive and approved plans, which will be posted to Camp's website under the Task Force Reopening tab. Those ministries and activities using campus meeting spaces will be required to use the sign-in sheets issued by the Church office and areas must be cleaned after each use.
- A limited amount of cleaning materials/products, wipes, masks, etc. have been purchased and are being stored centrally in the Youth Ministry's closet in the YFC. These may be used by all ministries to clean their respective areas after use. We do ask that they be used judiciously. Items used to clean the main sanctuary will be maintained in the Narthex; however, their replenishment also will be from the YFC's centralized inventory.
- Progression into a full Phase Three (July Reopening Plan and below) will be determined by the continued assessment of COVID 19 trends in our state, regional and local area. These trends are continually monitored by our Task Force and Pastors Steve and Alex.
- Visitation to nursing homes or skilled nursing facilities may resume once opened by the facility as they must meet the criteria set forth in the NC Secretary of HHS's Order #3 of Sept 1st 2020 which includes the visit(s) must be outside.

Phase Three

As was followed with our entry into Phase Two and Modified Phase Three, Camp will take into consideration executive orders issued by North Carolina's Governor Cooper and other public health officials. We will continue to monitor the overall COVID-19 key indicators that are reflected in their dashboards for the southeastern region and Brunswick County. Total numbers permitted inside and outside will be changed and/or will be determined by the percentage of occupancy for a room or area once we fully transition into Phase Three, whenever that may be.

During Phase Three, it will be incumbent on Camp and each of us to adhere to the policies and guidance of the COVID 19 Safety Task Force and our Senior Pastor.



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- Church administrative services will resume with more expanded days/hours to be determined by the Senior Pastor and Staff Administrator and will include the expanded use of volunteer staff. Social distancing, wearing of facial coverings and use of hand sanitizer will continue to be required. This expectation includes volunteers and visitors. Use of appointments may still be in effect so please check with the church office on this matter before stopping by.
- Approved outdoor activities may be expanded beyond the current 50 people on a case-by-case basis. Retreats, lock-in's and Vacation Bible School may begin within guidance developed and approved at the time of entering Phase Three. **Numbers will not exceed 50% of the meeting area or room's capacity** with social distancing required.
- Meetings (church councils, leadership teams, etc.), and Bible studies that have not already done so, may reopen with in-place safety measures of the 3-W's or others *developed prior to entering Phase Three. Indoor gatherings of greater than 50 people will* require a written request to (and approval by) the Senior Pastor and Trustees by the group leader and an accompanying list of attendees. Once the meeting is complete, the area will be cleaned by the user group in accordance with guidance issued by the Trustees. During all activities and events, the wearing of facial coverings is required and the practice of safe social distancing (except for family units who may sit together) and sanitation practices followed.
- A list of all meetings will be maintained by the Office Manager (Robin Farmer).
- Use of the church for meetings by outside groups may be held within the church during Phase Three with the approval of the Senior Pastor and Trustees. A list of such use will be maintained by the Office Manager (Robin Farmer).
- Other activities in these areas will require notification and approval by the Senior Pastor and Trustees prior. Those working inside the church as well as outside must wear facial coverings and practice safe social distancing and sanitation practices.
- Visitation to nursing homes, hospitals, and jails may be permitted if approved by Governor Cooper's Executive Order as well as by the outside facility. Details may need to be developed and approved for this to occur.
- Wonderful Wednesdays leaders have discussed options to reopening. Because of concerns regarding facilities, food preparation, proximity during meals and many other safety-related factors, this ministry may delay reopening until 2021.

Church members or ministry leaders should continue to notify our Senior Pastor or Associate Pastor of any positive test for COVID 19 or significant exposure to someone with a positive test. It is imperative to remember that all potentially vulnerable persons (individuals 65 and older, immunosuppressed or compromised, or have preexisting medical conditions which may put them at risk, etc.) are encouraged to participate to the extent they feel safe. It is likewise imperative for all others to not expose them to risks.



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Phase Four

Details for this phase will be determined once Phase Three is fully in effect.