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## Hohenwald First United Methodist Church

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Believe it or not, there's an opportunity here.

## Doing the impossible & *Doing it well.*

### SANCTUARY WORSHIP RESUMES IN AUGUST

**GOOD NEWS!  
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Greetings in the name of the Living Christ,

Beginning August 2<sup>nd</sup>, we resume Sunday Morning Worship in the sanctuary! This return to sanctuary, however, will not be a return to “normal” as we formerly knew it. We must continue to assure all who enter that our sacred space is also a sanitary and safe space. We will need greeters to help with extending hospitality at all three entrances to our worship space. Please volunteer.

Upon entry, all must wear masks register their attendance and sanitize their hands. Pews will be marked to insure safe

distance seating, so once the service begins all will be invited to remove their masks if that is more comfortable. Hymnals and bulletins will be picked up from stations at each entrance, and we suggest worshippers bring their own Bibles (all pew racks will be emptied for now).

Communion cups and wafers will also be picked up on entry, to be consumed at the proper time, together and in place. The offering plates will not be passed, but placed at each exit point for your convenience.

Worship through music is a key cornerstone of our church's identity.

We don't want to lose that. For a while, though, we will not be able to have a choir gathered in the choir loft. We will try to offer a variety of special music, both instrumental and vocal, by soloists, duets, trios, and even quartets. Please volunteer.

Knowing many of our beloved members will not be ready to return to public worship just yet, we will continue to live stream worship in real time on Facebook, and repost a video recording of it on the website soon after. We also continue to share audio recordings of special music and sermon via local radio. We want to include all we can.

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**TEACHERS MAKE A  
DIFFERENCE**

(Pastor's letter continued)

As your pastor, I am exceedingly thankful for all the dear folks who have offered both services and materials, as well as ideas and advice, to keep worship going and make it beautiful through these past weeks stretching into months. I appreciate as well your continued patience as we forge our way through the desert still, with eyes and hearts focused on the promise yet ahead of us. If God is with us, who can be against us?

As we look forward to forming a life together as a congregation both gathered and scattered, but not divided, let us pray for wisdom, insight, and inspiration to find new ways to stay connected to one another, and in service to God's Kingdom, through the

neighborhoods right outside our doors.

**may the peace of Christ be with you,**

*Tom*

Special Thanks to those who are helping to share our church experiences. The Spitzer Brothers and mom, Kellie are making video possible for our worship. They, along with a few more helpers are working to keep ONLINE church for Hohenwald Methodists.

As for our worship and other activities... Ashley, Rebecca, and Tom are working to keep all members and associates informed of our progress and changes.


- **School will be back in session-** Prayers for all our students and faculty as they begin a new school year
- **Sunday School classes** We will also be starting Sunday School Classes again. As we are unsure of the numbers, we may need to combine or divide classes as needed to maintain leaders and proper spacing.

\*Journey class will start on Aug 8 with Debby Durham in the Parlor

• **Worship will be held in the Sanctuary** – Special seating will be required so be prepared to be ushered to a different seat from where you used to sit. Don't forget your Bible.


• **Sanitation and Social Distancing Required** – Please wear your mask coming into the church. You will then be instructed on hand cleaning procedure and seating locations

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