

# WELCOME HOME!



## WELCOME BACK TO IN-PERSON WORSHIP

### Re-opening Guidelines

These guidelines were developed and approved by Team-C, the church leadership team during this time of Covid-19. These guidelines will be constantly reviewed and updated, and new guidelines will be developed and communicated.

Always check [FUMCTavares.com](http://FUMCTavares.com) for the most up to date information.

# WELCOME HOME!

*We are excited to welcome you home to in-person worship here in our Sanctuary.*

*This is an exciting time. "Coming Home" will not be the same as we left it those many months ago. There will be new ways of being together. I know you will be flexible and patient with each other as we come back to in-person worship.*

## BEFORE YOU ARRIVE

**The first two in-person worship services.**

Sunday **July 26th** and Sunday **August 2nd** at **10AM**

Please go to **FUMCTavares.com** for future service times.

**You must register for the one (1) service you are going to attend.** At least for the first few weeks, to ensure proper social distancing and to offer everyone a chance to come to in-person worship, we ask that you register with the number in your party for one (1) of the first two services . Children will worship with their families.

⇒ **Registration for 7/26**—Opens Mon. 7/20, closes Thurs. 7/23 at 4pm

⇒ **Registration for 8/2**—Opens Mon. 7/27, closes Thurs. 7/30 at 4pm

- Call: **Church Office at 352-343-2761**
- Email: **info@FUMCTavares.com**
- **FUMCTavares.com**. Then go to "Register for In-Person Worship"

**To ensure accuracy, you will receive a confirmation call or email.**

## BEFORE YOU ARRIVE continued

There will be more on future services after these first two Sundays.

**Not ready to return to in-person worship.** We completely understand. You can continue to watch live-stream worship and know that you are loved and included. Please call the **Church Office at 352-343-2761** if we can help you in any way.

**Live-stream worship will continue.** You can watch our services “live” each Sunday at:



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- You can watch past services anytime from **FUMCTavares.com**. Then go to “Let’s Worship.”
- **If you have COVID-19 symptoms or have been around someone who does.** In an effort to protect others, we ask that you please attend church on live-stream and return when you are feeling better. (please see the Church Covid-19 Protection Policy, on the last page)

**These guidelines are temporary.** We will update these guidelines as the situation changes and new information becomes available. We look forward to getting back to “normal.” For now, do not lose focus: Love God, Love Others, Service the Community and Invite a Friend.

# AS YOU ARRIVE

*We are following the current guidelines to minimize the spread of COVID-19. Please be patient. You will encounter some new ways of being together for worship.*

**Doors will open 20 minutes before the service.** To keep everyone safe, please allow a few extra minutes to enter the building and get to your seat. Your patience is appreciated.



**Where to enter the Sanctuary.** You may enter the church building through 1) the double doors on the left (nearest the Office) or 2) the east-side doors, to the left side of the building.

**ALL participants and volunteers are required to wear masks.** We know there are strong feelings around this issue, yet we are going to do the best we can to help the most people feel safe in worship. Thank you.

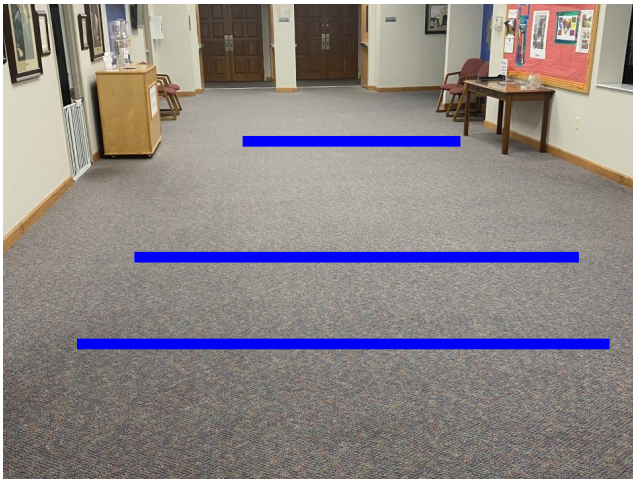
**Masks and hand sanitizer will be available.** We will have masks and hand sanitizer at the welcome tables. We kindly request you to bring



## AS YOU ARRIVE continued

your own masks if at all possible.

**There will be “social distancing” lines for you to follow.** Please use the COLOR lines to help you and your family maintain a safe social distance from others.



**We will be taking the temperature of all participants and volunteers.**

To ensure the safety of all, we will be taking the temperature of everyone entering the building with a “no touch” thermometer. If your temperature is over 100.4°F, we politely ask you to return home until you are sure you are well.

**You will be asked to sign in to track attendance.** We want to keep a confidential record of who attends each service, just in case of an emergency.

## GETTING SEATED

*We have developed a seating chart to maximize the number of worshipers and maintain social distancing.*

**A Greeter will bring you to your seat and dismiss you.** Our Greeters will be happy to help you find your assigned seat. After the service, they will dismiss you to adequately maintain social distancing .

**Your “usual” seat will likely be unavailable.** To maintain social distancing, you and your family will be assigned a specific seat.

**There will be no bulletin.** This is to prevent contact spread of COVID-19. Announcements will be displayed on the overhead screen and posted on **FUMCTavares.com**.

**Please respect the safety of other guests.** For the safety of your fellow worshipers, please do not violate social distancing guidelines.

**Giving your tithes and offerings.** Here are four ways to offer your tithes and offerings:

1. Drop in the Offering Box as you leave the Sanctuary after the service.
2. Sign up for safe and easy online giving at **FUMCTavares.com**, “God Loves a Cheerful Giver “and then “Give Online.”
3. Set up an automatic payment directly from your bank.
4. Mail to: FUMC Tavares, P.O. Box 1086, Tavares, FL 32778
5. Drop off at the Church Office: Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, between 10am—1pm.

# AS WE WORSHIP

*We will continue to offer dynamic and meaningful worship. For the time being, here are the differences that you will notice*

**Singing will be limited.** Though we cannot stop you from singing, we ask that you sing softly and always wear your mask. This will prevent the potential spread of COVID-19.

**There will be no greeting time.** To maintain social distancing, please remain in your seat unless you have to leave the Sanctuary.

**Your tithes and offerings.** There will be baskets available just inside the wooden Sanctuary doors and by the right side exit toward the front of the Sanctuary. These will be available as you leave the Sanctuary.

**Sunday Communion: Individually wrapped packets will be distributed as you enter.** A Greeter with gloves will hand these out to you and your family as you enter. These packets will come directly from the box in which they were shipped. The boxes will have been on site for weeks before distribution to prevent the contact spread of COVID-19.

**Please follow guidelines when sneezing and coughing.** If your cough persists, we ask that you leave the sanctuary until it subsides.

**You will be dismissed by row.** After the service is concluded, please wait and be patient for our Team to dismiss your row. This is for the safety of all your fellow worshipers.

**Symptoms of Coronavirus (COVID-19)**

Your symptoms can include the following:

- Fever**
- Cough**
- Shortness of breath**

If you have COVID-19, you may have mild (or no symptoms) to severe illness. Symptoms can appear 2-14 days after you are exposed to the virus that causes COVID-19.

Seek medical attention immediately if you or someone you love has **emergency warning signs**, including:

- Trouble breathing
- Persistent pain or pressure in the chest
- New confusion or not able to be woken
- Bluish lips or face

This list is not all inclusive. Please consult your medical provider for any other symptoms that are severe or concerning.

[cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus)

*This is to help you so out of an abundance of caution you can make the wise and safe choice as to when to stay home and watch worship on-line.*

## **Church Covid-19 Protection Policy**

### **I think or know I had COVID-19, and I had symptoms.**

Based on current CDC recommendations (as of 07/06/2020):

1. 3 days with no fever **and**
2. Respiratory symptoms have improved (e.g. cough, shortness of breath) **and**
3. 10 days since symptoms first appeared **and**

4. 2 “negative” tests in a row that are at least 24 hours apart **or**
5. After 1.1, 1.2 and 1.3 criteria met, go 14 days with no symptoms.

**I tested positive for COVID-19 but had no symptoms:** Based on current CDC recommendations (as of 07/06/2020):

1. If you continue to have no symptoms, you can be with others after 10 days have passed since test **and**
2. 2 “negative” tests in a row that are at least 24 hours apart.

**For Anyone Who Has Been Around a Person with COVID-19:** Based on current CDC recommendations (as of 07/06/2020):

1. It is important to remember that anyone who has close contact with someone with COVID-19 should stay home for 14 days **after exposure** based on the time it takes to develop illness **or**
2. A “negative” tests 4 days or more after suspected or actual contact with person with COVID-19.