Guidance Webinar for the Safe Reopening of Churches

With Bishop Gary E. Mueller

Our Purpose Today

Provide Information
Answer Questions
Share Ideas

(Please use the chat feature for questions)
Thank You!
Your world has been turned upside down...

Thank You!
- Trying to figure it all out...

Thank You!
- I have faith in you – not only to survive this but thrive this!

Current Context

- COVID-19 is Personal
- Spike in Cases
- Different Situations Throughout the State
- Tug of War
- Feeling the Pressure
- Ideological Battleground
- Tipping Point
- Possible Surge in the Fall
Guidance and Decision Making

- Webinars
- Theological
- Timelines for Reopening
- CDC and Arkansas Department of Health
- Resources
- How to Handle The Guidance Offered

Safe re-opening of churches will involve three stages. Each stage will commence when appropriate medical guidance indicates it is safe to do so.

CURRENT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CHURCHES

- Churches continue streaming worship and other activities online.
- Churches continue drive-in worship and drive-through communion utilizing previous guidance.
- Churches conduct small outdoor study groups or Bible Studies (10 or fewer people) if CDC, ADH, and the Governor’s guidance** (issued May 4, 2020) are strictly enforced.

**Dates and information may be updated at any time due to orders from the Governor, ADH, CDC or Bishop Mueller.**

*ARUMC Stage 1: May 31*  
Indoor activities (groups of 10 or less) if the Governor’s safety guidelines are strictly followed. There shall be no childcare, children or youth activities. Accredited weekday childcare programs should follow their own guidelines. Stage 2 guidance will be provided by late May.

*ARUMC Stage 2: Mid-June*  
Indoor activities (groups of 50 or less) if the Governor’s safety guidelines are strictly followed.

*ARUMC Stage 3*  
Indoor activities involving larger groups will be allowed. Although this stage allows for much greater flexibility, it will be essential to continue to practice safe and responsible gatherings.
GUIDANCE CONTINUED...

- Choirs and Congregational Singing
- Funerals
- Weddings
- Communion
- Baptism
- Weekday Childcare Guidelines
- Relaunch Teams
  - Start Now!
  - Congregational Survey
  - Plans for carrying out the Governor’s Guidance
  - PPE and Cleaning Supplies
  - Masks?
  - Miscellaneous
ISSUES

PPE and Sanitizing Supplies?
When to Expect Next Dates?
What Do We Do If....
Reopening Offices?

QUESTIONS ???
The Mission is What Matters

- Trajectory
- Re-open, Re-launch or New Launch?
- What will be the same? What will be different? What have you learned?
- Where is the Holy Spirit leading your congregation?
- https://arumc.org/covid19/ideas-to-help-churches-relaunch-creatively/
- Operate with an Abundant Mindset!