



## **Driftless Regional Ministry Westby United Methodist Church**

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Dear Church Family,

Even though Westby United Methodist Church is doing in-person worship services now, you will need to assess your own risks and determine if you feel safe to attend at this time. Keep in mind that older adults and any individuals with underlying medical conditions might be at higher risks for severe illness from COVID-19.

- Our current membership allows us to stay under the 25% of the total capacity requirement, so everyone can attend worship again.

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### ***What procedures are required for in-person worship at this time?***

1. Everyone is expected to practice social distancing by staying approximately 6 feet apart at all times, even when entering the building.
2. We are using only one entrance to the building, the west one. The glass doors to State Street will be locked.
3. Everyone is required to wear a mask at all times. Please bring your own mask. If you don't have a mask, we will have a few masks available, but please try to obtain your own mask.
4. Please use the hand sanitizer before and after worship. Hand sanitizer will be available in the narthex.
5. The bulletins are available on the table in the narthex, with the hand sanitizer.
6. There are designated areas to sit in the sanctuary. Please sit where you see the colored papers on the backs of the chairs. You need to have at least 3 empty chairs between the groups of people sitting in the same row to maintain the 6 feet for social distancing.
  - a. Please use the hymnals that are at the designated spot and leave them on the chair when you leave.
7. Children must sit with their parents at all times and cannot go into the nursery to play with toys. Please bring your own activity bag for your children to use during service.
8. Please maintain social distancing after the service as you leave.
9. Instead of passing the offering plate around, it will be placed on a table and you can drop your offering in the plate as you leave the church.

### ***Before you come to church for worship, please do the following:***

1. Please stay home if you have at least one of the following symptoms or do not feel well. 
    - a. Fever or chills in the last 24 hours
    - b. Persistent cough
    - c. Shortness of breath
    - d. Fatigue
    - e. Sore throat
    - f. Severe headache
    - g. Muscle aches
    - h. Loss of taste or smell
    - i. Congestion or runny nose
    - j. Nausea or vomiting
  2. Please use your restroom. The church restrooms will be available, but to aid in cleaning and the spreading of germs, we prefer that you try to avoid using the restrooms at church.
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### ***What other things will be different for a period?***

1. We will not have a fellowship time after church.
  2. There will be a children's time during the worship service, but the children will stay sitting with their family and not come forward.
  3. We do not "Greet One Another" during the worship service.
  4. You will not be able to access the kitchen or the fellowship hall.
  5. Please do not touch the light switches or the other chairs as you enter the sanctuary.
  6. We may be opening the windows and doors during worship to allow for more air ventilation.
  7. We will still be able to sing our praises to the Lord since we'll be wearing masks and be socially distanced.
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### ***What can you do if you do not feel comfortable coming to worship under the current conditions, or are sick and need to stay home?***

- Alternate ways to view worship:
    - Listen to WVRQ Radio 1360 AM at 10:30 AM on Sunday mornings
    - Go to Facebook on Sunday mornings at 10:30 AM to view the service from Viroqua UMC
    - Watch it on Vernon Communications on channel 15
    - Go to <http://driftlessministry.org/worship/sermons/vw-sermons/> to view the sermons online
  - Mail your offerings to Verna Drake at 202 W Park St, Westby, 54667
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We look forward to seeing you and worshipping with you on Sunday mornings!

Blessings,  
Westby UMC