



SUMC at 51 Church St., Schuylerville
Sunday Worship Service at 11 AM



QSUMC at 466 Route 32 South
Sunday Worship Service at 9 AM

The MESSENGER

*Of the Schuylerville and Quaker Springs
United Methodist Churches*

.....
**Special Edition
June 2020**

Dear Church Family,
I am excited to announce that we are going to be **re-opening church this Sunday, July 5th!** This is a very fitting Sunday to re-open because in the United Methodist Church the first Sunday in July is the first Sunday of the ministry year. It is a time when Pastors who have moved are sharing their first Sunday with a new congregation(s) while Pastors who have not moved get to celebrate another year with their current congregation(s), which is the case for us! It is hard to believe, but I have been with you all for two full years, and this Sunday will mark the beginning of my third year with you. I pray that we may have many more years together!

As exciting as it is to re-open church and celebrate all that we have accomplished in the last few years I need to remind you all of that in an effort to keep everyone safe and conform to CDC and United Methodist guidelines there are many changes that have to be made to our

Sunday experience. I think three of the most difficult changes will be that there is no congregational or choral singing, no physical touch (hugging, handshakes, etc...), and no fellowship time following the service. I ask that you review the rest of this newsletter to survey all of the safety guidelines that we are implementing – all in accordance the CDC and UMC regulations. In spite of these changes, we are confident that our Sunday gathering will be meaningful for all who attend and glorifying to God! I also want to assure everyone that we will continue to have a live stream service option going forward. So, if you do not feel comfortable returning to church or are unable to do so we will continue to stream a service over Facebook so that you can worship from the comfort and safety of your home.

Please feel free to call or email me with any questions or concerns that you may have.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor John

REOPENING PLAN FOR THE QUAKER SPRINGS AND SCHUYLerville UNITED METHODIST CHURCHES

Church Capacity

PLEASE NOTE: There is a strict limit on capacity at this time!

Maximum capacity:

QSUMC: 150 people (which includes choir area)

25% capacity allowed = 37 people

SUMC: 160

25% capacity allowed = 40 people

We will prepare for opening by cleaning all surfaces using CDC approved cleaning products. Surfaces to be cleaned include the following: pews, communion rail, altar, pulpit, keyboard, sound system cabinet, door handles (both sides), handrails, candles and candle lighter, light switches, and bathroom (toilets, sink, faucets and doorknobs), tables in entry, guest book and stand, offertory collection basket

Every other pew will be left open and spacing will be marked on floor to maintain social distancing

All Hymnals, Bibles and other paper supplies will be removed from the sanctuary

No bulletins will be used

All non-essential spaces will be closed including the second floor at SUMC

Hand sanitizer to be used upon entry and exit

We ask that you can prepare to return by:

- Conducting a self-screening of Covid-19 symptoms prior to coming to the church. If you are experiencing any symptoms, please stay home and view the service via Facebook

- Wearing a Mask
- Maintaining social distancing (6 feet)
- Sitting in open pews only

Sunday Service

Arrival:

Upon your arrival you can expect that the Greeter will have door opened in good weather. In inclement weather, the Greeter will be the one to open door to let each person enter.

The Greeter will also:

- ❖ Encourage the signing of the Attendance/Contact Tracing Log
- ❖ Ensure a mask is worn or offer a disposable mask if one is not worn **Masks are required.**
- ❖ Direct congregant to open seating (families who reside together, may sit together)
- ❖ Remind congregant to maintain social distancing
- ❖ Hand sanitizer will be available for congregant to use as they enter
- ❖ Will maintain an ongoing count of attendees to ensure that the 25% capacity is not exceeded. **The maximum limit is a strict limit.**

During the Service:

- ❖ Masks will be worn
- ❖ There will be No Bulletins
- ❖ Collection basket for Offertory will be in set location (not passed around) – Pastor will remind congregant of its availability for their offering
- ❖ There will be no choir or singing of hymns
- ❖ Any music will be for listening to only
- ❖ Children will remain in pews for Children's Moment
- ❖ There will be NO Sunday School at this time

- ❖ On Communion Sundays- communion will be served in the pew by the Pastor who will be wearing a mask and gloves. The Pastor will serve pre-package, sealed communion sets consisting of a wafer and juice, to each person wishing to receive communion. The emptied communion set package will be placed in a bag in the pew to be picked up by the person, wearing a mask and gloves, who will be cleaning after the service has ended.



Welcome Back to the WAY!

“..the gently used clothing store, serving the community “

Same great prices - \$2 for adult items, \$1 for children's

Our hours: Fridays, 1 pm – 5 pm
Saturdays, 9 am - 1pm

For the safety of all our customers and staff, we have a few changes -

PLEASE READ EACH OF THESE CAREFULLY, AND THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR COOPERATION AS WE ALL TRY TO ADJUST TO WHAT WE HOPE IS A TEMPORARY NEW REALITY ~

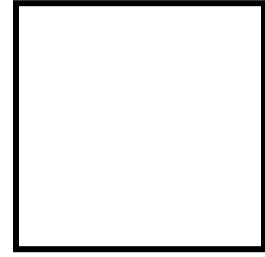
- Only eight (8) customers at a time may be in the store.
(If more than 8 customers are present when the store opens, we will limit the first 8 customers to 20 minutes shopping, and when 1 customer is done and leaves, the next person may enter to shop).
- **CUSTOMERS MUST WEAR A MASK COVERING THEIR NOSE AND MOUTH.**
- Children shopping must be at least 10 years old and wearing a mask.
- Please keep your “social distance” of 6 feet from other Customers.
- Sorry, there will be no changing room, so, you won't be able to try on clothes.
- Sorry, no rest room will be available.

Close of Service

- ❖ Greeter will open the door as congregants exit
- ❖ Social distancing to be maintained as congregants exit (no hugs or handshakes)
- ❖ Hand sanitizer will be available for congregant to use as they exit
- ❖ No Fellowship Time will be available after the Worship Service has ended
- ❖ Surfaces will be cleaned using a CDC approved cleaner as stated in the Cleaning Log

The Messenger
A Joint Newsletter of the
Schuylerville & Quaker Springs
United Methodist Churches
51 Church Street & 466 Route 32 South
Schuylerville, New York, 12871

Published monthly



First Class Postage

The Rev. John Iseman
Parsonage Phone: (518) 695-3101
Pastor's Cell: (518) 222-6722
Email: isemanjohn@gmail.com

Pastor John's Office Hours

By Appointment

June 2020

Morning Worship & Sunday School:
9:00 am in Quaker Springs
11:00 am in Schuylerville

The Messenger Staff:

EDITOR: Deb Lagoe
WEB PAGE EDITOR: Bill Lagoe
(www.qsumc.com)
WEB PAGE EDITOR: Rev John Iseman
(<http://www.sumethodist.org>)

REPORTER, SUMC:

Youth group: Tara Mcaughey

The Way: Sue Harrington

REPORTERS, QS: Linda Campbell,
Bonnie Greenfeld, Connie Turner,
Marion Craine, & Deb Lagoe

HYMN HISTORIAN: Tim Lagoe

QSUMC HISTORIAN: Tim Lagoe

PUBLICATION: Jean Wrisley &
Sue Harrington

PASTOR: Rev. John Iseman