

August 4, 2020

Hello from Pastor Chris,

Over the last few months we have been working to try and keep everyone in the loop as to what's going on, and with that in mind, I plan on sending out a bi-monthly email/note to say hi and give any news updates there might be.

- We are currently on yellow phase for re-opening. This is outlined in your newsletter and will also be called Phase 1. You can find info from the conference as well at <https://www.minnesotaumc.org/regatheringplan>.
- For confirmation students and parents - please be looking for a letter regarding plans once we know what the school is doing for fall and feel free to contact me with what you think.
- Prayer partners will start as soon as we get enough names to start. Just contact us with your name, email, and phone number. Let us know how you want to be contacted and we will get you set up with someone to do weekly check-ups and prayers with.
- Church on the lawn will continue till either the weather turns bad or we move to blue phase. Please remember to bring your own lawn chair. Masks are optional, but required if social distancing of 6 feet can't be maintained, as mandated by the State. (If it rains we are inside with masks and social distancing.) There is no timeline for this yet, and this is for both campuses.
- The Conference Love Offering is happening during August. This offering will go to organizations who help those who have been hit hard by the economic effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. More information and special offering envelopes were mailed out with the August OneWay which you should have received by now.
- I will be doing a Facebook Live devotion the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday and will do live updates when there is something that you will need to know quickly.
- If you watch Facebook for the worship service on Sunday but have trouble hearing, then check out our YouTube recording. The sound is much better. You can find the link for that on our website: [www.opendoorsumc.org](http://www.opendoorsumc.org).
- There have been a few emails that have come from a Gmail account pretending to be me asking for things. I will never email to ask for money or from an address you don't recognize. If you are ever unsure, give me or the office a call.
- Check the OneWay newsletter for more news and information. Watch for bi-weekly updates by email, or postal mail for those who don't have email.

Let me know if there is anything I can do, or help you with if you don't know. Call me at 920-765-3665 or email at [pastorumc@bevcomm.net](mailto:pastorumc@bevcomm.net).

#### Notes from Sarah:

- Hi everyone! Hope you're well and enjoying what is left of summer! This summer we can be thankful for beautiful weather, our families, and God's ever present grace and love. I pray each day you find something that brings you joy.
- Is there anyone who would be willing to record the church service to Facebook Live on August 23 for me, since I will be on vacation that day? You can use your own phone. Let me know if you can and we'll talk. 507-553-5453 or 507-317-4322.
- If you have an email address that we could send this to you instead of sending through the postal mail, please reply to [opendoorsumc@bevcomm.net](mailto:opendoorsumc@bevcomm.net) to update us with your preferred e-mail address. Thanks!

As Lester Holt of NBC News says, "Take care of yourself . . . and each other."

