

“THE HOLY CLUB”

Leetown United Methodist Church

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Sunday Worship Service at 9:30 AM

August 26, 2020



Greetings,

We are back in the saddle. Well, sort of. We have been meeting outside for a time of fellowship and worship for three Sundays now. God has blessed us with some beautiful weather; it was sunny and dry with an occasional breeze blowing. It was perfect. Thank You Jesus!

It was a great joy to see the faces of those who attended. While our numbers were small, about 12-19, it was a good start. We all maintained the required social distance and face masks the entire time we were together. We got caught up with each other while getting a dose of Vitamin D (good old Sunshine!)

We will meet in our sanctuary this Sunday, August 30. Our church recently had some work completed, and we had our church professionally cleaned and sanitized. It had time to air dry and the be marked off for socially distancing.

To all those who are not ready to be out and about please know that we miss you and are working on ways to provide you with worship services from your church family. We are still working on Facebook live, a challenge I am trying to master. Until then we will be on ZOOM. Everyone will be receiving an e-mail invitation. You will need to download ZOOM.

We will be taking in 4 new members on Sunday September 13, 2020. Congratulations to Louie, Matt, Nancy, and Candie.

Yes, things will look different when we re-enter:

- 1. No bulletins, hymnals, or Bibles except for the altar.**
- 2. We are working on a screen or television for responsive readings as this will be allowed however, there will be no singing until the powers that be says it is OK.**
- 3. You will enter the front door unless you need the handicap ramp. We will exit out the ramp side door. You will be directed by the ushers at the close of the service. There will be a tithe and offering box to put your offerings into as you exit the church.**
- 4. We will be spread out more in the pews. Some will be marked off for social distancing. Please one household per pew.**
- 5. We will all be required to wear face masks during worship services, the only exception maybe for reading scripture, preaching, and prayer time depending on the mic and the ability to be heard by the congregation.**

Yes, the times they have changed some. With all of the changes in our daily life, remember, God remains our consistent ROCK. He never left our side. He was always there guiding and supporting us along our journey. And He will always be there through the good times and even more so in the difficult times.

I am excited and looking forward to the new ministry style that for some of us come more out of need to survive and worship than the desire to change. But new ways of doing things can also bring a new sense of excitement and anticipation.

Adding virtual worship to our current style will take some learning, and patience while we learn, but it can also open the doors to so much more. We can add to how we get the message, God's message, out while we still maintain the integrity of the kind of worship service so many of us love.

Going virtual will also enhance our in-person worship, with a screen we can show photos, and reduce paper waste. With technology we have so many new options before us. The chance for so many blessings before us. While technology is a bit of a challenge for our small church, I know that we will come through this and be the greater for it.

I am grateful that Leetown U. M. C. has stayed COVID free. I pray that continues. Please remember, if there are any pastoral needs, concerns, or you just want to talk, I am here for you.

Blessings,

Pastor Debbie

A BIG thanks to all who worked to get us set up for Sunday Mornings, music, and worked every hard on getting the work and cleaning in the building completed:

Louie and Judy

Sherrie and Denny

Nancy

Charlotte and Peggy

Peggy and Ray

Sonny

Snooks

Teresa

Matt

If I missed anyone please, please let know, and forgive me.