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# June Newsletter

# FHEFC Calendar

# June 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
<b>All Meetings are Subject to Current Government Restrictions</b> <b>Please check the Church Website for the most current updates</b>	<b>1</b> 9:30 am Pastor's Study Day Ladies Bible Study	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Pastor's Day Off	<b>6</b>	
	<b>7</b> Lord's Supper 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Fellowship 10:25 am Worship	<b>8</b> 9:30 am Pastor's Study Day Ladies Bible Study	<b>9</b> 12:00 pm Diaconate Mtg 12:00 pm Missions Mtg	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Pastor's Day Off	<b>13</b>
	<b>14</b> 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Fellowship 10:25 am Worship	<b>15</b> 9:30 am Pastor's Study Day Ladies Bible Study	<b>16</b> 7:00 pm Council MTG	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Pastor's Day Off	<b>20</b>
	<b>21</b> Father's Day 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Fellowship 10:25 am Worship	<b>22</b> 9:30 am Pastor's Study Day Ladies Bible Study	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 12:00 pm Goldenagers	<b>26</b> Pastor's Day Off	<b>27</b>
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## **Birthdays This Month**

If we have missed your birthday or someone else's, please contact the office to inform us.

June 3	Charlotte Reynolds
June 11	Mallory Leathers
June 16	Sarah Ulven
June 20	Thelma Ladenberger
June 26	Lauren Saylor

### **INFORMATION DEADLINES**

#### **Bulletin Announcements**

Deadline for announcements, please email us or call by 10 a.m. Wednesday

#### **Newsletter**

Deadline for the Newsletter, please email by 17<sup>th</sup> of the month

### **JUNE GOLDENAGERS**

Please join us at noon for lunch at The Stockholm Inn on Thursday, **June 25<sup>th</sup>** for good food and fellowship.

Please remember to practice social distancing and wear a mask when out in public and stay safe.

## June Events:



### **June 7<sup>th</sup>**

Earliest date we will be able to have an in-person church service. There will not be Sunday School or coffee and donuts.



### **June 14<sup>th</sup> – Flag Day**

The anniversary of the adoption of the 1<sup>st</sup> US Nat'l. Flag on 6-14-1777. The current flag has been the same since 1960.



### **June 20<sup>th</sup>**

**National American Eagle Day**  
The bald eagle has been the national symbol since the 1700s. This day is to celebrate our nat'l symbol and raise awareness about the bald eagle.



### **June 20<sup>th</sup>**

**Summer Solstice**  
This is the longest day of the year and the official start of summer.



### **June 21<sup>st</sup>**

**Father's Day**  
*"Just as a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear Him.*  
– Psalm 103:13

## A Plan For Restarting In-Person Worship

I am eagerly anticipating seeing all of you together in one place at one time to worship together. At the writing of this, we do not yet know what the Governor or the County will say about when we can resume in-person worship and meetings, but as the day approaches, we need to have a plan for resuming our gathering together. The Earliest we will resume in-person worship is June 7<sup>th</sup>, but this all depends on the guidelines to be announced at the end of the current stay-at-home order. We need the new guidelines to allow at least 20 people to gather.

- **Acknowledge All Gatherings have a certain amount of risk**  
Whether it is Covid-19, the Flu or a number of other illnesses that spread from person to person, there will always be a risk with meeting in-person. There is a spirit of fear that has accompanied this particular time of Covid-19, and it will require a certain amount of risk and courage to begin to return to normal life. But we need to face the reality that in attending a worship service, we may be exposed to the virus. The virus is a real risk for some, even while for others, it poses little risk. The key is none of us knows exactly which group we fall into. When you come, please acknowledge the real risk and decide to come or not come using your best judgment and prayer.
- **Some should continue to stay at home**  
We do have a number of people who fall into the high-risk group. If you are in one of these, we strongly encourage you to weigh carefully whether you attend in-person or you stay home for the time being. Sermon videos will continue to be posted online covering the same passages as the worship service. As much as we want to see you in-person, we want you to be reasonably safe.
- **Those with any symptoms should stay at home**  
Once we are able to meet in-person, we ask those who have any symptoms of illness to stay home. If anyone in your household has any symptoms, we ask for everyone to stay home. There is a reasonable threshold for this, as your coughing pastor writes this. But if you have a fever, sore throat, aches, diarrhea, cough etc. please stay home. It is not our intention to check for fevers at the door, but we ask you act responsibly as you love your neighbor as yourself.
- **Bring and wear a mask when in close quarters**  
Please bring a mask for use when you cannot stay 6 feet apart. We will have some disposable masks available, but we would like to minimize the cost to the church. Judy Dray has been making masks and would be willing to help fill this need for you.
- **We have Hand Sanitizer Available**  
There is Hand Sanitizer on the Foyer Tables. You can wash your hands in the restrooms and observe recommended precautions.
- **Spread out in the Sanctuary**  
We already do a certain amount of this, but now we encourage you to spread out when seated in the Sanctuary. Chairs will be set

up so you can maintain a safe distance. Please take into consideration not only side-to-side distance but also front-to-back distance. Again, please take into consideration how the seat you select affects those around you.

- **Fellowship Outside as much as possible**  
We will ask you to have any conversations or visiting outside as much as possible. Sunshine and heat have been shown to be among the best disinfectants, so visit with each other outside. On rainy days, please keep your social distance and/or wear your mask.
- **Minimize use of Restrooms and other facilities**  
We all have to go sometime, but the less we use them, the more we minimize the risks of transmission. Please be thoughtful about minimizing the mess and risk of contamination. I would strongly suggest people not use the drinking fountain, but I leave that up to your best judgment.
- **No Coffee & Donuts at least to begin with**  
At least to start, we will not be serving any food or beverages. You are welcome to bring your cup of coffee to worship. Please do not bring your entire breakfast with you.
- **Offering at the Back of the Sanctuary**  
We will have the offering plate at the back of the Sanctuary, you can put your offering in as you come into worship or as you go out.
- **Communion**  
We have purchased prepackaged communion elements to be as sanitary as possible.
- **Worship Service Only to Begin With**  
To begin with, we will only have one worship service. If the limit does not go up to 50 people but is more than 20, we will have two services.
- **Continue to Emphasize Fellowship in smaller groups**  
My personal hope is, especially during the warmer months, all of you will find creative ways to visit and fellowship with one another. I know a few of you who have had someone over to have lunch in the driveway or yard. Hopefully before too long, it will be possible to meet in restaurants or coffee shops. I have always believed the cultivation of one-on-one and smaller group relationships is the most effective way to minister to one another. Even if you are in one of the higher risk groups, I like the suggestion to start meeting with one or two friends who you are confident are not infected. There are creative ways to limit your exposure and still have some limited fellowship.

We will continue to revisit and revise these guidelines as needed.

In His Grip & Grace  
Pastor Mitch