

June 9, 2020

Dear Members and Friends of AUMC,

The date for reopening the church and the thrift shop have been set!!

The church will reopen for worship services starting on June 28th at 10:00 a.m.! On that Sunday, Independence Day will be just six days away. We will be celebrating our freedom in Jesus Christ, our freedom in our nation and praising God for the right to freely exercise our faith in the God. The boardwalk service (8:30 a.m.) will reopen once the State of Maryland enters Phase 3.

The State of Maryland will most likely still be in Phase 2 of reopening and therefore we must insist on the usage of masks, and social distancing unless you are sitting with members of your own family! This means:

- 1) Everyone must wear a mask at all times.
- 2) Everyone must maintain social distancing.
- 3) Certain pews will be taped off to achieve distancing and NO ONE is allowed to sit in those pews.
- 4) If many people are present, we will insist on individuals moving to the center of the pew. There may be people at the end of the pews and in the middle.
- 5) Bulletins cannot be handed out, however, they may be placed where people can take one. However, bulletins must not be shared with those who are not in your family.

The Thrift Shop is reopening on Monday, June 15th. The leaders and daily captains have established procedures for volunteers and shoppers.

The reopening procedures are on our church web-site, in the recent church newsletter. It can be viewed and downloaded at: <https://atlanticumc.org/get-connected/worship-services/sermons/> Click on the "+" sign of 2020 and the menu will drop down. The June Newsletter is the first one listed.

We know that some of you would prefer not to attend Worship services in person when we reopen because of health issues or other circumstances; the good news is that we will continue to post the video recordings on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/ATLANTICUMCOC>) and the audio recordings on the Church website.

In Jesus' Love,



Rev. Dr. Joseph Barth, Pastor