FAQ'S REGARDING LBUMC REGATHERING

When will we physically return to church as a whole congregation?

We had our eye on sometime during the 3rd quarter; but with the recent resurgence, our Bishop has put regathering plans on hold and has requested any churches that have regathered to discontinue.

Why are other church's regathering and ours is not?

Pastor Lynn and our Regathering Team are acting with an abundance of caution. With safety as our number one priority, they are waiting at least one month after churches in Laguna Beach open to assess the situation. So far, we have seen hospitalizations are on the rise after some reopening.

How many people will be able to attend service at one time?

With social distancing in place, 40 congregants could worship together in the sanctuary. We will have overflow for those not registered to attend in our fellowship hall, which could hold approximately 20 people.

Do I have to wear a mask throughout church service? (What if I leave mine at home)?

Masks are required during the entire service. We will have masks available to hand out for anyone who does not have one.

Will we be able to shake hands, hug, or pass the peace?

No. Not at this time.

How will we ensure safe social distancing?

We will have signage to clearly identify 6-foot distances. We are also trusting that everyone will cooperate with respecting 6-foot distancing.

Will online services continue once we begin to regather?

Yes, our Online Worship Services will continue for an indefinite period of time.

How does the church plan to sanitize our sanctuary so I feel safe?

Our Trustees have a very detailed sanitization plan under development. The entire sanctuary and all high-touch surfaces will be cleaned after every service. So will bathrooms and other spaces that are utilized after any group is on campus.

Will children ministries come back to church? What will that look/be like?

Right now, we request children to worship with their parents. We do livestream in our Fellowship Hall adjacent to our worship center. That option will be available too.

Will we have choir and handbells at church once we return?

Right now, we will not have choir or handbells during services because they are identified as "high risk" for potentially spreading the virus. Choral music will continue through the small Ensembles like those you have experienced during our Online Worship.