

Asbury UMC COVID UPDATE
Dear Friends,

We have been notified that Bristol is now under a RED ALERT for COVID virus. This is the highest level alert and we are watching for guidelines that will be coming from the Governor, Mayor and Bishop in regard to our ongoing contacts at Asbury. At this time, churches have not been directed to close by the authorities. We have been encouraged by our District Superintendent to consider when it will be appropriate to revert back to virtual worship services only.

This morning, I met with our Re-opening Task Force to determine a fair and safe response to this development. For the time being, Asbury will remain open for worship services and group meetings. All precautions and safe guards must be followed from the minute you arrive in the parking lot to the minute you leave. I encourage each member to make a right decision for your own health and well-being and that of your family. My greatest concern for each member of the Asbury community (church member and participants in the many meetings held here each week) is that your health and well-being is maintained through this time. I will keep you updated on status reports as they are shared from the authorities.

Just a reminder:

Masks must be worn at all times, both outside and inside at Asbury. Masks are worn from the car upon your arrival and right back to the car at departure. Masks must cover the nose and mouth entirely. Social distancing of 6' or more must be adhered to at all times. Immediately depart at the end of service or meetings with no congregating following worship service or meetings, either in the building or the parking lot.

In the coming week, I will be assembling care teams to keep in touch with members over the coming months. If you could volunteer a few hours a month to call or email members to check in as the weather grows cold and isolation increases and Asbury most likely closes again, please respond to this email and I will include you in the process.

"This is My command: be strong and courageous. Never be afraid or discouraged because I am your God, the Eternal One and I will remain with you wherever you go.
" Joshua 1:9 The Voice

God bless,
Pastor Laura Galbraith