



Waiting A Little Longer to Open Our Church Doors

Church Family,

As many of you may have heard on the news yesterday our President called all governors to allow churches to open this Sunday. As you may be aware we are not an independent church so it is not solely up to us to make the decision to open. In our connectional United Methodist system we await for the Bishop to share that it is safe to open.

This Sunday there are some churches in the Virginia Conference that will have parking lot worship and even in person worship. These churches are called "pioneer churches" and they are the ones testing these things out so we can hear and learn from their experiences.

I did not volunteer our charge to be a pioneer church because all three of our churches are in the at risk category due to the make up of our congregations.

So we will wait a little bit longer until our Bishop and her team shares that it is safe to reopen. Please feel free to check out the Bishop's letter in response to yesterday's announcement [here](#).

Once we have the date that we will reopen I will send a letter to everyone sharing the precautions we will be taking before worship and during worship so we all know what to expect.

May God continue to guide us during this time of waiting.

God bless,

Pastor Jessie