



Pastor Elaine's Ponderings

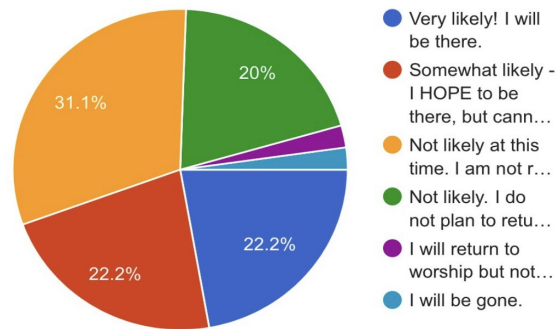
Hello Abbey Road Family!!

Last night the planning team assigned by the Board and Diaconate to explore how we can best meet the needs of the congregation in this time of Covid 19 restriction.

On behalf of the Planning Team, our Roanne Dean sent out a survey to see what the congregation thinks and feels about meeting together in person for worship. The results were very strong and have informed the plans we have made for the near future. You may see the graph here showing the percentages of your answers.

Based on the guidelines listed above, how likely are you to return to in-person worship on Sunday, Aug. 2?

45 responses



As you can see, many are not ready to return to in person due to the potential for dangerous interaction leading to an outbreak of Covid in our congregation. Others were interested in returning to worship in person, but were bothered by the safety practices which felt restrictive. Still others choose not to return to worship until it is safe to sing and move around and shake hands and hug and talk freely.

These are all understandable responses. And they were received with deep appreciation. It is a difficult thing to plan for in person worship in times of pandemic. None of us has ever experienced this before in our lifetimes. But the Lord is with us and guides us to live and worship and interact in loving partnership as the body of Christ. Christ's Body will live through even these difficult times, Praise God!

So, my beloveds, with prayer as our guide and your needs and safety in our hearts, we worked on a plan that we hope will offer something you can become a part of. We are aware that not everyone will be greatly satisfied and we hope you will understand the challenges of these times.

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Beginning August 30th ARCC will offer a monthly in-person worship service at 9:30 in the Sanctuary on the last Sunday of each month until further notice. This in-person worship will be Live Broadcast on Facebook and offered on DVDS.

On other Sundays we will have our pre-recorded online worship at 9:30 am on Facebook and offered as DVDS.

In addition we are planning an in-person Sunday school class to be held in the sanctuary at 10:30 Sunday Mornings. This Sunday School book and Bible Study will also be offered live via Zoom.

Here are the upcoming dates for August and September.

August 2 & 9:

Worship on Facebook at 9:30; Zoom Coffee Hour at 10:30

August 16 & 23

Worship on Facebook at 9:30; Sunday School - Live (on Zoom) & In Person at 10:30am

August 30

Monthly Last Sunday In-Person Worship - LiveCast on Facebook at 9:30am (DVD'S Available)

September 6- Labor Day weekend

Creation Season Worship 1 pre-recorded on Facebook 9:30 am & later on DVD;

Sunday School Live via Zoom & In Person. 10:30 am

September 13 -September 20th:

Creation Season Worship 2-3 pre-recorded on Facebook 9:30 am & later on DVD;

Sunday School Live on Zoom & in person 10:30 am

September 27:

Last Sunday In-Person Worship - Live Cast & In Person at 9:30am (DVD'S Available)

Creation Season 4

You are greatly loved!! By our wonderful Creator and our precious Savior Jesus, and also by your lay leadership, and also always by me,
your Pastor,

Elaine Schoepf



John & Deborah Browne, Luther Hunt, Mark Faith, Bill Cox, Joe Robb Blattner, Debbie McCormick, Susan Spooler, Carol Gleason, Liz Meyer, Debbie Bradley, Dawn Knoderer, Kim Farrar Frank, George & Helen Amick, Iris Likens,

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August 2nd's
Meditation/Centering Prayer
group Intent is

COURAGE

Please join us in spirit at
2:30pm.

**Take
courage**
...for
I am
with
you...

Haqaa 2:4. NRSV