



Hartsville United Methodist Church

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COVID-19 UPDATE – August 22, 2021

In light of the rising numbers of Covid-19 cases due to the Delta Variant of Covid-19 in our community and surrounding communities, we will begin roping off every other pew in the sanctuary and we are asking that you wear a mask to church beginning August 29, 2021. This includes those who have been fully vaccinated with a Covid-19 vaccine. We are asking you to put on a protective mask when we sing and when we are in close proximity with others. This will also extend to Children's Church.

Jesus calls us to die to self, to serve others, and to live selflessly. We recognize we all have individual choices to make and we want to choose to do what is best for our community. This means we will practice the discipline of intentional inconvenience.

We know masks are not perfect but we also know that if they help even a little, we can wear them for our hour together. Our friends in the medical field are tired. We want to do anything we can to help stop the spread. We are not motivated by fear but by compassion.

While **this is not a mask mandate**, we are asking you to voluntarily wear one as a way of protecting others. We will keep going. We will keep moving forward. We are committed to do what we can to care for our community.

Above all, we want to practice love for one another and do our best to “do no harm.” May we be united in love for Christ, one another, and the community we have the opportunity to serve.

Sincerely,

The Hartsville United Methodist Church Council