

Dear Church Family,

I miss you all so much. I pray that the abiding presence of Jesus Christ in your life has been a source of comfort throughout this difficult time. I know there is a lot of information coming out right now. Governor Hogan recently announced that churches may be able to open if they are able to follow some strict guidelines. I am looking forward to getting to worship together with you again soon. However, I want you to know we are not going to rush into this but take the precautions necessary to open our church safely. Leadership will be communicating together in the coming week to determine the best course in moving forward.

I'm including several things in this email.

#1 - Here is the video from a meeting with the bishop providing information about guidelines for worshiping in the church (it may take time to load). <https://onedrive.live.com/?authkey=%21AogSahYhPtLe8BI&cid=34F7DE587D313F1B&id=34F7DE587D313F1B%2132006&parId=34F7DE587D313F1B%2131974&o=OneUp>

#2 - I'm including a document that was sent to all churches in our conference laying out expectations for guidelines for reopening.

#3 - Governor Hogan provided an executive order with guidelines for reopening.

#4 - A state faith-based committee provided more in-depth recommendations (not all of which were adopted in the Executive Order but still helpful for us)

I encourage you to review this information so that you can see the magnitude of the task that it is to reopen our church. We will work diligently to be able to fulfill these guidelines and I thank you for your patience and your love.

We are pre-recording the service for this coming Sunday and it will be uploaded on Facebook at 10:30am. We will also be recording the service on CD so if anyone would like the service sent to them or someone they love please call me or message me or email me. It is still to be determined if we will open May 24. I will also continue to do live Bible studies on Wednesdays at noontime and live prayer time on Thursdays at noon at <https://www.facebook.com/SudlersvilleCharge/>

I want to encourage you to continue to support your church if you are able in this difficult time. Prayerfully consider giving your tithe as we work hard to continue to be a light to our community.

You can mail in your offerings to PO Box 202, Sudlersville, MD 21668 for Calvary-Asbury and Kate Brown at 506 Pond Way, Church Hill, MD 21623 for St. Paul's.

I love you and am praying for you.

Pastor Eric

