



FIRST CHURCH

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First Church Families and Friends,

The FUMC Task Force continues to monitor and be attentive to the current COVID 19 information and the guidelines issued by the various governmental agencies and by the Great Plains Conference. We are grateful to all who participated in the recent calling campaign. We learned a lot about how the congregation is feeling and how much you miss being together, but also how careful we all want to be about each other's safety.

We are thrilled that our online worship services have been popular and well-"attended" and that small groups and committees are still meeting regularly via zoom. We are blessed by the outdoor space at the West Campus, which has allowed for small-group social activities to continue, such as Wesley Walkers, the Big Garden, and outdoor Sunday School classes. The mission and ministries of the church, which support the community, continue through Jubilee Café, Harvesters Food Distribution, Community Blood Drives and more.

Although we believe that it is still too early to open our indoor spaces, we are working with our pastors and staff to develop a plan for an outdoor worship experience at the West Campus. That plan should be ready for the Task Force's consideration in a couple of weeks. Please know that we will continue the online worship even when we offer other options. We are so grateful to the amazing staff that are working so hard through the challenges of this pandemic. It is truly uplifting to witness the dedication, courage, and stewardship of the staff and volunteers who are guiding us at this time. As always, please call or e-mail any of us if you have questions, suggestions, or concerns.

The First Church Task Force
Task Force Information and Contacts found here.
<https://www.fumclawrence.org/first-church-task-force/>



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