

**Joyful in Hope – 81 – June 23, 2020**  
**(thoughts and ideas to encourage and challenge)**

*“Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.”*  
*Romans 12:12*

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Hope you're having a good week. I'm writing this email while looking out over Lake Charlevoix, so my week is going pretty well, over all. It's overcast and rainy and not too warm, but we are up north, away from the normal stuff of life for the most part – kind of a self-imposed quarantine for us (I should have quarantined myself from email and the internet).

I want to say what a blessing it was to be with everyone who was able to attend worship on the lawn on Sunday morning. We were masked up, and socially distanced, and still, I believe God was smiling. Thank you to everyone who was there. I know for some of you, it meant stepping out of your comfort zone, and perhaps, taking a risk in order to be together. I know, for others, you were quite comfortable being there, and would have been comfortable even without the precautions. The fact that, as much as possible, we came together in unity, and in a spirit of humility, was a wonderful thing. I realize that there are some bugs and issues we need to work out, but overall, it was a good morning. Thanks for being a part of it.

For those who weren't able to attend, you were missed. We look forward to the time when we can all be together again. What a great day that will be.

And, for those of you who missed yesterday's, Joyful in Hope, I want you to know that, since we are meeting together again on Sunday morning, Joyful in Hope will be available on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. The Thursday edition will include an updated prayer list and the Saturday edition will include the Order of Worship for Sunday.

That's all for today. I just want each of you to know how much you are loved and appreciated.

-Pete

Hello Heritage Family,

We, your Elders, are pleased with worship services this past Sunday. We want to thank everyone for their cooperation and respect for others. We did notice a few items we need to address:

1. We are in the process for designing a shield for the podium so that the speaker can speak without a mask. We understand that some people may have difficulty talking or singing with the mask on, but until we have the shield finished, we ask that you keep your mask or face shield in place.
2. We will use "pop-up" wipes at the podium to make it easier to clean the microphone and podium between uses.
3. We have tried hard to space the chairs six feet apart, but we will be doing so by eye and not with a tape measure. If you feel your chair is too close to someone else, please feel free to relocate your chair. Keep in mind the spacing is so that people will be spaced six feet apart - this means the six-foot distance is from center of chair to center of chair. Never-the-less we will make a better effort to insure the spacing.
4. We want to remind people that you need to be six feet apart from anyone you have not been quarantined with. We understand that extended families may wish to sit together - please be considerate of your health and the health of others.
5. Temperature taking is for indoor worship activities and we will not be doing so for persons going to the bathroom or putting chairs away.
6. For Children's Worship, we have talked individually with the families of small children - and all decisions about that will be between the Elders and those families. We have asked the adults to wear masks in the building and the children to be socially distanced as much as possible.
7. We noticed there was congestion with people putting the chairs away. We will make adjustments to reduce the congestion in the future.
8. We want to remind everyone to wear masks or face shields during worship time except for small children since it is a safety concern for children 2 and under (per CDC guidelines).
9. And, as we have said before, if you or someone in your house has a health concern, please feel free to stay at home and watch services on YouTube (we plan that this will be available by 6pm each Sunday) - keep safe - keep healthy.

"Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then... I will know that you stand firm in one Spirit, striving together as one for the faith of the gospel." Phil 1:27

Tom Achard  
for the Elders