

JOSHUA TASK FORCE



A Task Force to Lead the Safe Reopening of Wesley Park

After years in the wilderness, Joshua finally was able to lead God’s people into the Promised Land. It took faith, competency, patience, and leadership for Joshua to carry on what Moses had started. The rejoicing was profound and emotional as God’s people finally arrived where they had dreamed of entering for generations.

You have been asked to be a part of the Joshua Task Force at Wesley Park United Methodist Church. We want you to lead this community of faith safely, faithfully, and wisely into a new time of worship and celebration.

The General Rules of The United Methodist Church instruct us to do no harm, do good, and stay in love with God. With the General Rules and Love of Neighbor in mind, the Joshua Task Force will keep the safety and well-being of all of God’s people at the center of each decision. The Task Force will follow the Procedures and Directions for the Reopening of UMC Facilities in Michigan, CDC guidelines, and other pertinent resources to guide Wesley Park through the journey ahead.

The Joshua Task Force will find support in the members of the Guidance Team and Staff (Deb Hodges, Chuck Starnes, Cindy Lang, Ken Oesch, Jane Ellen Johnson, Eric Terry, Sara Kropp, and Dean Prentiss).

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The Joshua Task Force will:

- Work together and communicate regularly using Zoom or other electronic meeting methods.
- Read and comprehend the Procedures and Directions for the Reopening of the UMC Facilities in Michigan.
 - <https://www.wesleypark.org/uploads/6/1/3/5/61355595/umc-principles-and-directions.pdf>
- Read and comprehend the CDC Reopening Guidance for Cleaning and Disinfecting Public Spaces, Workplaces, Businesses, Schools, and Homes.
 - <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/reopen-guidance.html>
 - https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/pdf/ReOpening_America_Cleaning_Disinfection_Decision_Tool.pdf
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- Consider Wesley Park a High-Risk Community of Faith unless shown to be otherwise.
- Communicate with the congregation and community our policies and procedures.
- Determine, in consultation with the Guidance Team and Staff, when and how to reopen Wesley Park in phases.
- Communicate clear guidelines and procedures for volunteers.
- Schedule volunteers.
- Supervise volunteers to assure consistency in standards of safety.
- Delegate and/or oversee the procurement of all necessary equipment and materials to help with the safety of reopening Wesley Park.
 - Work with Sara Kropp for all purchases and expenses.
- Act as the point persons people can contact with questions or needs.
- Be uncompromising when it comes to safety practices and procedures. In other words, if masks are deemed to be mandatory no one would be allowed into the church without a mask. Or, the procedures that are put in place for the cleaning and sanitizing of the church must be followed consistently.
- Be prepared to initiate additional safety precautions, including future stay-at-home orders, as needed.