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Sunday Morning Worship

Join us for Sunday Morning Worship at 9:30am in the sanctuary, parking lot, or in your own home.

We will continue live streaming our Sunday morning Worship Service on shepherdofthebay.org/services beginning at 9:15am. We will post a recorded version of the live streamed service on our website for viewing later.

As a third option, you can continue to listen on your radio in your car from the parking lot.

Communion will be available.

FELLOWSHIP AND COFFEE ON HOLD

We will be putting a hold on our coffee and fellowship time after Sunday Worship Services. We are trying to keep everyone safe and healthy so bear with us until all of us can once again joyfully gather for fellowship and coffee.

September Covid Update

As we have been reporting in our weekly email, the church council is keeping a close eye on developments with the pandemic. Though we thought we would be over this by now, we are not. The Delta variant has posed new challenges around the world and across the country. Here are some things we are learning:

- The Delta variant is particularly dangerous for the unvaccinated.
- It spreads many times more rapidly than previous versions of Covid.
- Even if we are vaccinated, we can be carriers of the Delta variant, and so while we ourselves may be protected and it is still unlikely that we will experience serious symptoms, we can contribute to community spread, endangering the unvaccinated, and in particular, children under 12 who are not eligible for the vaccination.
- Unlike earlier iterations of Covid, the Delta variant can be much more serious for children who contract the disease.

Neither Door County nor the State of Wisconsin have issued mask mandates. So, the council decided that we will not issue mask mandates either. At the same time, we want to emphasize that Dr. Jim Heise, Medical Director of the Door County Medical Center, and Sue Powers, Director of the County Public Health Department are encouraging wearing masks in any indoor gatherings. As we continue to make decisions that hold in balance our communal needs for gathering and our responsibility to love and care for our neighbor, it is our sincere prayer that we will treat one another with kindness and respect as common members of the body of Christ and of this congregation.