

Changes in our In-Person Sunday Worship Service

begins August 8

The church council has agreed to follow current CDC and Virginia Synod guidelines regarding COVID-19 restrictions. The Council will be using the following websites ([CDC COVID Data Tracker](#) and www.vasynod.org) when making decisions concerning necessary restrictions during our Sunday morning worship services and all other church related activities. CDC guidance encourages the wearing of masks indoors, regardless of vaccination status, when the COVID Data Tracker indicates Augusta County's COVID-19 transmission rate is in the "Substantial" or "High" categories. In July the transmission rate for Augusta county was "moderate" but this has been upgraded to "substantial" this week which means masks will be required during the worship service/ in the building on Sunday, August 8th. If you need a mask one will be provided when you enter the church. When this status is downgraded and the wearing of a mask is no longer mandatory, that information will be provided in the weekly announcements and/or newsletter. Any questions may be directed to Carol Troxell at carol.troxell@gmail.com or **(540) 294-1559**.

Due to the current status of COVID-19, we are again postponing congregational singing during the worship services. At the August 5th Council meeting, the decision was made to forgo congregational singing during worship services until the COVID Data Tracker website indicates Augusta County is below the "Substantial" threshold (i.e., a COVID-19 transmission rating of "Low" or "Moderate"). This decision will be monitored on a weekly basis and any change in the status of the COVID-19 transmission rate in Augusta County will be communicated in the weekly announcements and the newsletter.