

September 5 Message

Dear friends in Christ,

The Emmanuel Vestry and Fr. Jerry met by Zoom Monday, Aug. 31, to discuss the possibility of holding in-person services indoors at Emmanuel Church in the near future. We recognize that many parishioners want to do this. We also recognize that we are in the middle of a pandemic that has killed 187,000 people in the United States.

The Vestry decided to wait and see what happens when schools reopen. The number of COVID cases locally are low and we will see if they remain so once schools commence. We understand the desire to reconvene services in the church building. But we also do not wish anyone to contract the virus in church. The Vestry will revisit the question later this month at our scheduled meeting. Outdoor services will continue in September at the McFadden home or the Firemen's Pavilion in case of rain.

We welcome your input on this issue and invite you to contact the warden or Vestry members to discuss this if you like. We will keep you informed.

Thanks and God bless you!

John McFadden