

Video Recording for Services at Johnson Memorial UMC

Recording and Sending your video

Record your reading using any smartphone, tablet, or laptop. Please introduce yourself and include the version of the Bible you are reading (New Revised Standard, Revised Standard, or Common English Bible). Then send it:

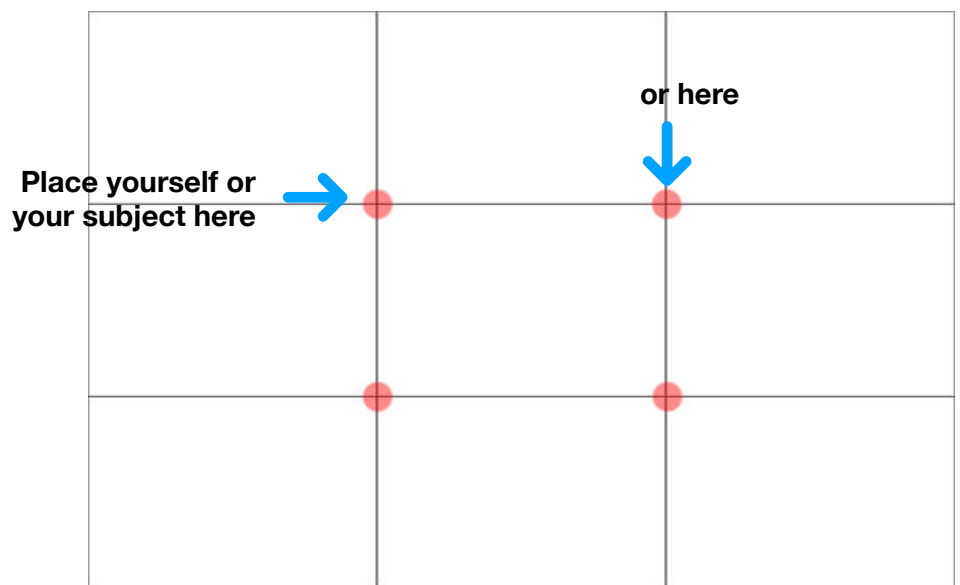
- Many videos will be too big to just text, but you can try that using johnsonmumc@gmail.com.
- Often videos can be sent by mail using maildrop (for larger attachments)
- You can upload the video to our Google image account using:
<https://photos.app.goo.gl/4bFuDXzZu5HV3ACT8>
(link should still be live if viewed on a computer, you may have to “trust the link”.)

Tips for Recording

- Record horizontally. (Computer as normal, phone sideways)
- Be sure the computer or phone is exactly eye level or slightly above, so you are looking up, not down. It looks more natural and more flattering.
- Make sure there is more light in front of you so your face can be seen. If you are backlit it is harder to see you and again, it can be unflattering.
- Place yourself mostly filling the screen horizontally (up and down) and slightly right or slightly left vertically (so there is more room on one of your sides than the other). Then images can be added and again it feels more natural.
- For placement use the Rule of Thirds - Which simply put is dividing your screen into 9 blocks (three across, three down) then put your subject in one of the crosspoints (red dot in the image below). iPhones have these grids built in (that is what they are.)
- For our videos, place yourself/subject in either of the top two crosspoints Reduce as much background noise as you can. Some natural noises like birds and trees rustling sometime add, but a lot of wind or fan can be a problem.
- Speak out and slow down.
- When we look down to read, we tend to get softer, so project more if you are looking down.
- Finally don't stress over this. These are suggestions. Videos can be (and have been) used without this, this is just easiest/best framed.

If you have questions about your reading, please contact Christy Carson at johnsonmumc@gmail.com or call the church office (304-525-8116).

Most of all, thank you for contributing to the worship ministry of Johnson Memorial United Methodist Church. You are very much appreciated.



Rule of Thirds Camera view