

Considerations for Reopening the Church Building

1. We will clean and sanitize the building before each gathering. Seat backs, door handles, and touch surfaces. In addition, there will be hand sanitizer stations at each entry for your use.
2. Masks will be mandatory to wear in the building. (We will provide one for you if needed.) In our worship, because of medical opinion that singing widely disperses contaminants, we ask that you NOT sing. The musicians sing on our behalf as we worship with them... with closed eyes, raised hands, and tuned in hearts. It is a loving thing to do.
3. As you enter the doors, there will be tables with bulletins, pre packaged communion, masks, and offering plates. This will eliminate passing any of those items hand to hand and cross contamination. A greeter will be there to help and direct you, as needed.
4. Temporarily, to follow social distancing guidelines, we will keep the Café closed and the chairs will be stacked to keep us from gathering there.
5. Children's Church and Nursery will be closed until September when we can reevaluate under the guidelines for best practices for children.
6. The entire sanctuary will be open for seating, with sections marked off for social distancing of at least 6 feet. The markers will be clear and, again, we ask that you react to this with love and understanding, even if you do not share concerns of some.
7. At Prayer time we will not practice anointing for those in need, but I will invite people who desire to express their need for prayer to stand. This, too, can be an act of faith.
8. Communion will be celebrated weekly. Pre packaged communion will be available at the church during the week to pick up in preparation for partaking at home.
9. Our Pastor will wear a mask when not preaching and refrain from physical contact when greeting others! And, we ask that you refrain from hugging, touching, shaking hands, too. It seems so counter to our love of one another, but it is a way we love and respect each other. Be creative – waves, thumbs up, big smiles under your mask. People can see smiles in your eyes!
10. We ask that you do not congregate in groups in the foyers or aisles in church, moving directly to seats in the sanctuary as you arrive and directly to the outside when we dismiss. All of our entrances will be open for your convenience.

Add'l Notes ... Please use common sense as you enter and exit. Maintain the recommended 6 foot distance even in the aisles. You may not share the concern of some, but we honor one another when we surrender our personal preferences for the sake of Christ's Body.

Out of respect for the health and well being of our congregation, if you have a sore throat, a fever, or have been sick, or have been in contact with someone who has the virus, please worship at home until you are fully recovered. Thank you for loving others in that way. This time, while difficult and confusing, must not be seen as one to just survive. Earnestly we pray to thrive, for Christ's sake and by faith.