

Guidelines for our reopening on March 7

The following guidelines will be in place for March 7 and remain for the foreseeable future. Please know that while we wish we could all be together, we respect that your health must come first. Don't feel guilty if you aren't comfortable returning to worship at this time. Be safe.

- If you are in the high-risk category for contracting the coronavirus, have a fever (we will not be taking your temperature before entering the church, but we encourage you each to take your temperature before coming to church), or if you have flu-like symptoms, please do not come to the church. **We will continue to provide worship on Facebook-Live**, so you can continue to worship with the congregation.
- A face mask must be worn at all times while you are in the building.
- We are offering only one service for now so we can limit travel throughout the building and, because of the sanitizing that needs to be completed after every use of a room. The sanctuary will need to be sanitized after we use it every Sunday. The Leadership Team will be discussing about when to return to two services at a future meeting.
- Everyone is required to enter from the West Entrance doors. Please do not enter through the fellowship hall doors. Please do not mingle in the sanctuary before or after the service. The Washington Street door (at the back of the sanctuary) will be open for exiting at the conclusion of worship. If you want to mingle in the parking lot, please practice social-distancing, stand 6 feet apart, and please do not block the ramp.
- Shaking hands, hugging, fist, and elbow bumping will not be permitted.
- Sunday School classes will not meet at this time because of the challenge of being able to practice social distancing in the classrooms.

- Everyone will be required to practice social distancing while in the building. Immediate families may sit together; all others need to sit six feet apart. Every other pew will be roped-off.
- Hand sanitizer stations are located in the West Entrance, at the elevators, in the sanctuary wing, and other locations for keeping hands sanitized.
- We are asking that only two people at a time use the elevator (unless you live in the same house) and use social distancing while riding in the elevator.
- The restrooms outside the sanctuary and the ones downstairs at the entrance to the fellowship hall are the only restrooms in use during this phase of opening, and we ask that only one person at a time use the restroom. If you find that someone is already in the restroom when you enter, please wait outside until they exit before re-entering.
- Water stations/fountains will not be available for use. You may bring your own water bottle to church.
- We will not have ushers and greeters. You will need to pick up your bulletin near the entrance to the sanctuary. Offering plates will be located in several places in the sanctuary where you can place your offering when entering or leaving the sanctuary.
- We will be singing while wearing a mask; however, we will not be using hymnals. All the hymns will be printed in your bulletin.

Let us be patient as we slowly reopen and follow these guidelines to make sure we do not become agents of transmission of COVID-19.

Remember Philippians 2:4, "Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others," as we move forward.