

COVID PROTECTIONS AND GUIDELINES

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

The CMC Re-opening Taskforce, the Board of Trustees and Rev. Bill have been working to develop guidelines for resuming in-person worship, after service fellowship, children's programming and other activities safely. Below are the guidelines we will be following.

We know there are differing opinions about what can and should be done for in-person events, some even backed by research. After studying and considering alternatives we have decided to follow a conservative course of action that we hope will appropriately protect people of all ages and health conditions. Policies and procedures will be reevaluated as we progress into the year.

INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITY

- Individuals should engage with the church as they are comfortable
- Individuals should advise others when they sitting or standing too close or doing something that makes them feel unsafe.

RE-STARTING

- Sunday services, fellowship time, children's programming resume on September 12th
- Committees, programs, rentals may resume whenever a group wishes to meet

MASKS and VACCINATION

- Masks required for all people (vaccinated and unvaccinated) for indoor services and activities
- Vaccination is not required, though strongly encouraged

SUNDAY SERVICES

- Dual presentation – In person worship in the Sanctuary and online via YouTube live at 10:00 a.m.
- Open seating (some rows/areas will be closed); seating spaces will not marked off – family pods can sit close together, others please distance by 3-6 feet
- Service elements will be modified to lessen movement
- No congregational singing at this time
- Offering to be collected in basket by entrance/exit
- No paper Order of Service distributed at door; OOS will be attached to Friday-E-news for you to print out or look at on your phone/device.
- Chiming takes place at 9:30am

AFTER-SERVICE FELLOWSHIP

- Outside (weather permitting) under the tent until cold weather, then move into Parish Hall
- Chairs available in back room of Parish Hall if needed for outside fellowship
- Coffee/ tea and water provided, or BYOCoffee/Drink
- Food permitted. **Please feel free to bring your own refreshments if you prefer.** If you bring something to share we strongly suggest pre-packaged food. Homemade items should be cut and served in individual portions in plastic bags or in paper cupcake cups

CHILDREN

- Classes held outdoors (weather permitting) until cold weather.
- When in the Parish Hall the meeting room is to be set up according to school district spacing/seating guidelines
- Children go directly to class meeting area; no Message for All Ages during the service
- Children may stay with parents during the worship service, no play area in Sanctuary
- We will have “busy bags” available for the children
- No childcare at this time