

COVID-19 and PLANS FOR REOPENING THE 24th

Church leadership met today. We will start back on May 24th with Sunday morning worship services. We will be cautious and “take it slow” on re-opening the building and being together as a church family. We’d love to just start everything back like it was; we are praying that will happen in time, but right now, that is not wise. Starting the 24th, because we have a large membership, we will only have worship services (no classes), AND we will be having two services. The first service will begin at 9:15 AM and the other at 11:00 AM. Here’s how it will work for a while as we strive to continue “social distancing” to keep people safe:

1. Alphabetically, if your last name begins with A-I, we’d like you to come to the 9:15 AM service. If your last name begins with “J-Z” please plan on coming to the 11:00 service. IF this doesn’t work for your schedule, or you need to ride/sit with family that are in a different service, just let us know. It should be no problem at all.

2. For a while we will be blocking off every other pew to help with social distancing. We are encouraging everyone to please sit with your own family.

3. We will be cleaning between the two services (handles, pews, etc.), so we ask the 9:15 AM people not to stay too long visiting after services (or go outside to do so). We also ask the 11:00 AM crowd not to come before 10:50 AM to give us time to wipe everything down.

4. Communion will be individually portioned and disposable bread and juice that will be handed to you when you come in. We won’t be passing trays for a while to keep the “touching” of things down.

5. There will be several baskets for contribution at the doors and around the building that you can place your contribution in as you leave services. If you have been using Venmo to give electronically, you are welcome to continue doing so.

6. Everyone is welcome to come, but we want our older members to know that you can stay home and listen to the sermon on the radio or online. We don’t want anyone to feel obligated to come that is uncomfortable with this situation. ALSO if you have health problems, please consider staying home for a while. Of course if you are feeling sick, or have been sick, please don’t come.

7. No one will be required to wear a mask, but if you would like to do so, that would be fine. There will be hand sanitizer at the front and back of the auditorium. We encourage you to wave or bump elbows, and refrain from shaking hands or hugging at this time.

8. The offices, kitchen and water fountains will be closed during services. If you think you’ll need water, please bring your own bottle.

We will be reevaluating every couple of weeks to see what needs to change, and for when we can go back to normal (1 service instead of two) services. For the time being, we will only be having Sunday morning services together, no small groups, fellowship meals, Bible classes or Wednesday night services. We’ll also be reevaluating those things as we go to see when we can start them.

WE ARE SO EXCITED TO SEE EVERYONE. WE CAN'T WAIT TO SING TOGETHER.

Let us know if you have any questions ...