



Dear Church Family,

Thursday, May 28, 2020

As the reopening of our church is both complicated and critical, we are seeking to take the necessary steps to resume cautious and responsible gatherings. Our full reopening policy is available on our webpage and in the church office. Also, please see our attached COVID Prayer Letter for guidance in your time with the Lord.

God has not given us a spirit of fear or instructed us to anxiously look about us, but rather to trust in the LORD with all our hearts, rely upon God's character and capabilities, and seize the new opportunities before us.

"Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore, do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is."

Ephesians 5:15-17 (ESV)

INFORMATION EVERYONE NEEDS TO KNOW & WHAT TO EXPECT

*Starting this Sunday, May 31, we will offer three options for participating in our Sunday worship service:

1. **Live Virtual Worship Service** at 9:30am on YouTube - connect via wevfree.org.
**This is the recommended and safest option.*
2. **Recorded Worship Service** to be accessed anytime on the [WEFC YouTube page](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCio68wMdSHV_uGbYOAkAwA/featured):
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3. **In-Person Worship Service** at 9:30am at the church
Ushers will meet you at the door and guide you to a seat and usher you out:
 - a. **In the Worship Center:** Social Distancing required; masks recommended but optional.
There will be singing.
 - b. **In the Community Room:** Social distancing, masks required.

*For families with children, since there will not be nursery, children's church or children's worship packets available at this time, please be prepared to have your children stay with you as a family. **You might want to bring supplies accordingly.** The Cry Room has become our changing station in place of the nursery.*

****If you are uncomfortable with public gathering at this time, please stay safely home! No judgment here!***

Abbreviated WEFC COVID-19 PREPAREDNESS PLAN:

1. **A Touchless Visitor Experience**
 - Doors propped open or opened by Ushers
 - Block access to all areas except Worship Center, Foyer Restrooms and Community Room
 - Stationary offering (instead of passing offering plates)

- Promote nonphysical greetings
- Touchless communion (e.g. prepackaged communion opened by individuals)
- No paper handouts will be given but texts may be presented digitally
- Follow a specific, organized dismissing procedure that ensures social distancing
- Food or beverages will not be available

2. A Constant Sanitizing Process

- Masks are highly recommended
- Hand sanitizing stations available upon entrance
- Water fountains will not be available for use
- Everyone encouraged to regularly wash and/or sanitize their hands
- After church services, sanitize bathroom surfaces, anything that would change hands, and high-touch surfaces

3. Minimize Possible Transmission

- People should conduct a self-check and stay home if they have symptoms of COVID-19. Symptoms can include fever, cough, shortness of breath, chills, headache, muscle pain, sore throat, or loss of taste or smell. Other less common symptoms include gastrointestinal symptoms like nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea.
- People should also stay home if they have a household member experiencing symptoms compatible with COVID-19.
- Persons at higher risk for severe illness are strongly encouraged to stay home and participate in our service online.
- We will continue to provide virtual worship services.

4. Socially Distant Seating Strategies

- Occupancy must not exceed 25% of total capacity
- Worship Center for live service with singing, Community Room, masks required.
- Household members should sit together and should maintain at least 6 feet from people not in the same household - including people next to, in front of, and behind. Ushers will seat participants.

5. Employee and Volunteer Requirements

- Training on guidelines and restrictions for our facility
- Wash and/or sanitize hands regularly
- Social distancing – stay at least 6 feet apart
- Masks are highly recommended
- Stay home if they or someone in their household has symptoms of COVID-19

The Church office will be open **Monday-Thursday from 1-4pm** at this time.

“I was glad when they said to me, ‘Let us go to the house of the LORD!’” – Psalm 122:1

Pastor Dan Osborn and Chairman Jim Deidrick