

Federated Church Reopening Guidelines

October, 2020

Worship Attendance

- If you are sick, have any symptoms of a cold or flu or COVID-19, or a fever, or have had contact with anyone who has COVID-19 in the past 14 days, please stay home. You are strongly encouraged to not attend services if you have underlying health conditions or just feel uncomfortable at this time. Members who have had COVID-19 must wait for 3 weeks after starting to feel better before they may attend church services.
- Face masks are required. All members are required to wear face masks while on the church premises and while in the church. Face masks will be provided for those who do not have one. Members who have difficulty wearing a face mask will be asked to not attend church services until masks are no longer required.
- Please maintain 6-foot physical distancing between those of another household. Members will be directed to sit in pews to maintain distancing unless they are family or a household living together.
- Members will enter the church at the parking lot entrance and exit at the east side doors. Do not use the coat rack to hang up your coat, but keep any outerwear with you during the service. Ushers will assist in assigning a seat to maintain 6-foot distance from other households. Ushers will direct pews to leave when the service is completed.
- Hand sanitizer will be provided for use as you enter and exit the building. Smiles and waves are encouraged but we request you refrain from any physical contact.

Cleaning of Church Spaces

Sanitation:

- The entrance and exit doors will be sanitized before and after each service.
- All light switches will be sanitized before and after each service.
- The bathroom will be sanitized before and after each service.
- Fans will not be turned on. It has been understood that fans would circulate any virus which could be present.

Hymnals:

- All hymnals, Bibles, pencils and papers will be removed from the pews.

Offering Plates:

- A basket will be placed at the door to the sanctuary for offerings. Offering places will not be passed.

Hand Sanitizer:

- Hand sanitizer will be provided at the entrance, exit, and in the narthex area.

Masks:

- A box of disposable face masks will be available for those who do not have one.

Disposable gloves:

- A supply of gloves will be available for those who request them and for those who are sanitizing.

Restroom Use:

- Only the men's bathroom will be used. One person at a time will use the bathroom. Anyone waiting must stand 6 feet away from the entrance. A sign will be placed at the door to indicate if it is occupied.

Pastor and Pianist:

- The pastor will maintain a 6 foot distance from others.
- The pianist will maintain a 6 foot distance from others.

Church Service

- The length of the worship service will be about 30 minutes, to limit exposure to others.
- There will be no singing out loud due to the increased amount of droplets that could spread disease.
- Communion will continue on the same schedule. Worshipers will stay in their pews during the Holy Communion.

Communication to Congregation

- Ushers will be assigned to assist at the entrance (parking lot), providing masks if needed, direction and hand sanitizer.
- Signs will be posted concerning social distancing and sanitation requirements. Safe practices necessary to stop the spread of COVID-19 virus will be posted.
- There will be no fellowship time in the church before and after the service.
- Members are asked to greet each other without touching.

Note to Pastor and Council Members

It is the responsibility of the Pastor and/or Council members to oversee the implementation of these Guidelines and to determine when indoor church services will resume. If the Pastor or Council becomes aware of a threat to the safety of the church members or determines the Guidelines cannot or are not being observed, the services will be cancelled until the Guidelines are being observed.

It is the intent that these Guidelines create basic standards applicable to all settings. Changes may be made as needed.