

## Members of Messiah:

We come to you with great news: We are planning on opening up for in-person worship **Sunday, June 28 at 9:30**. While we welcome another step back towards normalcy, we also understand that we are in a world of a “new normal”. In opening up our house of worship, we will need all attendees to follow some basic procedures for the safety of all:

- If you are sick or have any of the following symptoms, please stay home and partake in our online, virtual service.
  - Cough, fever, chills, sore throat, running nose, etc.
- The church building will be open to parishioners at 9:00.
- Please have on and use a mask or facial covering when in church. We will have some masks on hand for those that do not come with a mask.
- We will have hand sanitizer available for your use.
- We will have disinfectant available to wipe down hard surfaces (such as stair railings) after use.
- Please maintain 6 feet of social distancing as you enter and remain in church.
- Greet each other with a “hello” and a wave, rather than a handshake or hug.
- As you enter the sanctuary, please follow these guidelines in the the pews:
  - Each family unit (those that live together under one roof) should sit in a single pew.
  - Each family unit should sit with a MINIMUM of one empty pew in between. You are encouraged to sit at least 2 empty pews from each other as space permits.
  - Pews that are not to be used will be roped off.
- Service outlines will be either fully paper or projected on the screen or a combination of both to eliminate the use of hymnals.
- You are welcome to bring your own personal hymnal from home if you wish.
- A major concern is the increased spread of oral droplets as we speak and sing during the service. For this reason, we ask that you keep your mask/facial covering on during those moments in the service. If you feel you need to take your mask/facial covering off, please do so during parts of the service when congregants are not speaking/singing (such as when only Pastor or Deacon is speaking)
- Communion will be by individual cup only. We will go over communion procedures each Sunday with you, but here are the basics:
  - Members will be dismissed row by row as usual by family unit, but will only walk up to the front of the chancel steps and be greeted by Pastor and the Deacon there to receive the Sacrament. Pastor and the Deacon will sanitize their hands (as is normally done) prior to administering the

Sacrament and they will also refrain from hand to hand contact. The wafer will be placed into your hand by Pastor, so please approach with cupped hands.

- 6 feet of social distancing should be maintained between each family unit.
- Pastor/Deacon will continue the practice of bringing the Sacrament to those members who feel they cannot approach the chancel area.
- If members would rather have a personal time to commune outside the corporate worship service, Pastor Wendt is very willing to do so. Please call the church office to schedule a time for personal communion.
- After the service, attendees will be dismissed row by row beginning from the back to maintain social distancing. We ask that if you wish to talk with and greet people you do so outside maintaining social distance of 6 feet. We will ask that you leave the church building shortly after the service concludes and not congregate inside.
- The sanctuary will be thoroughly cleaned after the service.

These procedures will surely make our Sunday worship experience a little different, but they are necessary for now to ensure the health of all of us. We appreciate your cooperation in this regard.

While we are encouraging all members to begin regular worship in person, we also understand that some of you may not yet feel comfortable in doing so. To that end, we plan on broadcasting our in-person services on Facebook Live so that you may continue to worship at home if you desire to do so.

If you have any questions regarding the opening of our church building or the protocols for safe worship, please call the church office during business hours (9:00-2:00, Tuesday - Friday), and Barb can attempt to answer your questions or will forward them to Pastor or a deacon.

The May Voters Assembly and it's review of the proposed budget will be planned for a time when it is possible, based on the results of our opening for worship.

We look forward to worshipping with everyone again!

Yours in Christ,

David J. Grim - Chairperson of the Board of Deacons

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