

Folks,

The governor announced that the state would move into a modified Phase 2. Part of that announcement was that churches are exempt from the restrictions on gathering indoors. As a result the deacons and pastors have discussed our options and have decided to reopen the church for Sunday worship starting 31 May at 10:00 o'clock. There will be procedures we will adhere to in order to ensure the safety of our membership as we gather. These are listed below. Please read them carefully and be prepared to follow them when you come on Sundays until the situation allows otherwise. **I also want to emphasize that some should not come back to worship immediately. Those with underlying risk factors including health issues should continue to worship with us online.** Those who decide to refrain from attending out of concern for their or their family's safety are encouraged to continue to participate in worship with us online. Our intention is to live stream our worship and post a recording on Facebook as we have previously.

Here are our guidelines:

1. The pews will be marked off, limiting seating to ½ of the pew. The seating will be staggered left and right with the pew behind it. This is to help maintain distance between family units.
2. Families need to sit together in the same open section of a pew.
3. We will fill the sanctuary from front to back to minimize close contact.
4. We will leave the sanctuary from back to front for the same reason.
5. We will enter and exit the church building at the Fellowship Hall entrance. We will have the door blocked open for arrivals/departures and hand sanitizer will be dispensed by the greeter for each person entering to use as they enter/exit. Masks will be available, and we request you would wear one out of consideration for others.
6. We will close off the kitchen and the classrooms, that is physically close the doors and mark them as closed.
7. People will be encouraged not to shake hands or hug, but to maintain social distance as best is possible.
8. Only the bathrooms in the Fellowship Hall will be open.
9. We will place the offering plates in the back of the sanctuary on a table for people to drop off their offering.
10. Signage will be posted to encourage hand washing and keeping distance between people other than family members.
11. We will not have a bulletin or use the pew bibles or hymnals. Announcements will be sent out by email.

We will sanitize the building as needed. Doorknobs, restrooms and other areas will be cleaned regularly. We will sanitize the pews and chairs as needed. Be aware too that the Fellowship Hall will be set up as an overflow area so people may stay there and participate with the worship streamed from the sanctuary (We will attempt this and do it regularly if it works. We have the equipment but need to test its effectiveness). We will receive automated hand sanitizing stations in mid-June as well as noncontact thermometers to use as needed. We will

place signs around the building to remind people to wash their hands and maintain distance between them and others.

Our goal is to gather as God's people and worship Him. But we also want to be safe and make others feel safe. If you have questions, please ask me or your deacon.

Your servant,
John