

## In Person Worship Guidelines

We asked the United Methodist District Superintendent for permission to resume in-person worship. She agreed to let us open if we follow certain guidelines.

In order to resume in-person worship we will need to follow a few procedures. For the most part, these are the same we were practicing during in-person worship last summer. We are not going to tackle you and throw you out if you don't follow them, but we are humbly requesting that you follow these procedures in order to protect others around you. You may think you are virus free but just because you are symptom free at that time does not mean you are virus free. The person that gave me (and 14 other co-workers) the virus was young, healthy, and symptom free. 5 days after my contact with him I became symptomatic and a couple of days later became very ill. So just because you don't think you have it doesn't mean you are not infected. And just because the person you are speaking to seems healthy, there are no guarantees. A lot of you are now vaccinated and that is great. But let us respect the needs and conditions of others.

Here is what we are asking you to do;

Mask in and mask out. Masks are at each set of doors if you don't have a mask.

Sanitize your hands as you arrive. Sanitizers are all around for your convenience.

Spread out in the Sanctuary. We ask that you only set with those whom you live with or came in the same vehicle.

Try not to sit directly in front or back of someone.

Try to keep 2 empty pews between you and those in front or behind of where you are sitting.

As we dismiss, please exit from the back row to the front so there are no cross paths.

The offering plate will be at the back and will not be passed around. Please place your envelopes in the plate.

No hugs, handshakes, elbow bumps or any physical contact.

Try to practice social distancing. Keep 6 feet of separation between you and others around you.

Respect the feeling of others who may not feel the same as you about all the COVID procedures, practices, vaccinations and such.

I am looking forward to seeing you on March 28 as we gather to celebrate Palm Sunday. We will also be joining in Communion on that day.

*Pastor Jon*