

Dear church family,

As we look ahead to the day when we can gather together again we want to share with you a framework for how we intend to reopen the building. This subject has been the focus of much prayer as we seek God's will for the spiritual and physical care of his church.

It is with both caution and optimism that the following practices be put in place for a period of time. With the understanding that if any new federal, state, or local ordinances are enacted we may be required to adjust this plan.

Based on the published federal, state, and local guidelines we intend to reopen the building for our regularly scheduled services on Sunday, May 24th.

Starting on Sunday, May 24th we will resume our regular service schedule

- Sunday Morning Pre-Service Prayer 9:30 am -10:00 am
- Sunday Morning Service 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

- Sunday Evening Pre-Service Prayer 5:30 pm - 6:00 pm
- Sunday Evening Service 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

- Wednesday Evening Pre-Service Prayer 6:30 pm -7:00 pm
- Wednesday Evening Service 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

- Saturday Morning Prayer 8:00 am - 9:00 am

For a period of time there will be no youth services, children's ministries, or child care available as we work with department heads to put new procedures together. Noting that during this timeframe the mother's nursery will be open for use as needed.

To reopen in a manner that minimizes risk, we will take the following steps:

Avoid All Physical Contact - Accept between immediate household members. In unity, we will not shake hands, bump elbows, hug, or lays hands one anyone outside of our immediate household.

Seating Arrangements - We need your help to promote a safe distance between households. Households will be asked to sit together, working to avoid sitting directly behind or in front of another family or individual. Utilizing the total capacity of our sanctuary and the balcony there is enough room to practice social distance measures while seated in the pews.

Entryways & Exits - Greeters will hold the doors open for entry into the building without shaking hands. Similarly at the end of service exit doors will be propped open as to avoid physical contact with door handles.

Offerings - In addition to [online giving](#) portal, we will provide a lock box in the atrium for offerings to be deposited. During this time we will not use the traditional offering baskets.

Alter Area - While we greatly treasure the alter, we also understand that the effectiveness of our prayer and worship is not based on a location inside of the building. If you choose to pray or worship at the alter, we ask that you maintain a safe distance from one another.

Masks & Gloves - Can be used based on your personal discretion. If you desire to wear a mask or gloves you will need to provide those for yourself. The choice of whether or not to wear PPE is not a reflection of your spirituality.

Cleaning & Sanitation - Each week additional cleaning will be performed, sanitizing the tops of pews, doors handles, and bathrooms with disinfectant.

If You Are Not Feeling Well, Stay Home - As this virus is often misconstrued with other common ailments we would prefer to err on the side of caution.

Contact Tracing - If someone you have regular contact has tested positive please voluntarily self quarantine to avoid unintentional transmission.

The choice to gather together for church services is yours to make - While we will take the above steps to minimize risk we can not guarantee that there is no risk.

We understand that you're faithfulness to body of Christ compels you to want to be present when the doors are open. But if you are at risk, concerned for your safety, or have any doubts whatsoever, we encourage you to continue to build an individual alter at your home and participate in the preaching online as we work to reopen.

If you have questions, concerns, or a prayer request please don't hesitate to reach out to Pastor Schumacher 262-909-9777 or Sis Schumacher 262-909-0101.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Trusting in God,

Pastor Schumacher & Pastor Portman