

INFORMATION ABOUT REGATHERING

By regathering and opening our services to the public, we have diligently considered the risks associated with holding in-person services. We have also considered the risks of not reopening and thereby providing an opportunity for those who know the risks and make the choice to attend. Both options have risks.

Based on these risks, consultation with multiple churches, and diligent research of health recommendations, here are some details on how we will regather.

What does gathering on-site look like?

- We are currently gathering for in-person services on Saturdays at 6pm and Sundays at 9 and 11am.
- Live streaming of the 9am and 11 am services will continue via all current platforms.
- Sign language interpretation and Spanish translation will be provided at the 11am service only.
- No Nursery or Kids Ministry (birth-Grade 4) will be offered at this time.
- Persons at risk due to age or underlying health conditions, persons whose occupation includes at-risk exposure, and those who are uncomfortable worshipping on-site are encouraged to engage with our Digital Ministry by attending online services.
- If you or a family member have a fever, cough, or are not feeling well, or, if in the past two weeks were exposed to someone with signs of COVID-19, **please stay home!**
- **Registration/sign-up** is needed. We ask you to register all family members for the on-site service you plan to attend. A new link to register for the weekend services will be available each Tuesday for the following weekend. You can find this link on the home page of our website and through social media channels or you may register by calling the church office at 717.656.4271.

Are congregations legally permitted to gather?

In Pennsylvania, churches have been labeled essential and were never required to close or to remain closed. Most churches moved from gathering on-site to gathering online to serve the community and do their part to stop the spread of COVID-19.

How will social distancing be encouraged?

- We're asking attenders to practice social distancing on the campus and respect each other's personal space.
- Please respect others who might feel more strongly than you about social distancing. Some have valid concerns you may not be aware of.
- Attenders will be seated in every other row, allowing two seats between family groups or non-family members.
- We request no hugs or handshakes.
- At the dismissal of the service, respect the people around you and social distance as you leave. If you are comfortable chatting with those outside your family, we encourage you to do so outside the building.

Will I need to wear a mask?

- In the Main Auditorium and Main Street, wearing masks is voluntary but encouraged when you are unable to socially distance.
- For Sunday services, the Student Ministries Auditorium will be a mandatory mask environment where you can worship with others wearing masks. People registering for this area will enter through the Student Ministries entrance on the East side, to the right of the café.
- We are requesting our volunteers and staff to wear masks where distancing is not possible or when serving in positions that require close proximity to people.

Have any changes been made to create a touch-free environment?

- We have created a touch-free environment as much as possible:
 - Entrance doors will be opened for you.
 - No bulletins
 - No greeting times
 - No passing of offering containers. Offering receptacles will be placed at the back of the auditorium and in various locations throughout Main Street.
- Enhanced cleaning protocols will be practiced during this time.

Facilities Information:

- Water fountains are closed. Bottled water will be provided.
- Main Street Café and Commons seating is closed.
- Center Square is closed.
- When registering, you will have the option of selecting a venue where everyone wears a mask. Otherwise, know you will be in a group where some will be wearing masks and others will not. If you are not comfortable with this, please continue watching online.
- Seating is limited due to social distancing, so registration is required.
- Our facility is large and the air system utilizes a flow of continuous circulating fresh air.

Guest Service Information:

- Entrance doors will be opened for you.
- Ushers will assist with the new seating protocol, filling in the middle of the rows first. For this reason we ask that you enter the auditorium with your full party. This will help keep things efficient and ensure the safety of others when being seated.
- Café food, drink, and coffee services will not be offered.
- Prayer ministry will be made available after the service. Our Prayer Team volunteers and staff will wear masks.
- Connections will be open with safety protocols in place.

What can I expect as a parent with young children?

- No Kids Ministry or Nursery (birth-Grade 4) will be offered at this time.
- Parents are encouraged to bring some activities for their children to help keep them occupied during the service. We are asking parents to keep their young children by their side.
- The Kids Comfort area and Mother's Nursing Room are open. Please do not casually sit here so those who have an active need can utilize these areas.
- Route 56 will meet outside during Sunday services with sign-ups located outside the East Entrance. We recommend Route 56 students have a mask on hand. In the event of bad weather, Route 56 will be canceled and children can sit in the service with their parents.

What preparations have been made to the building/campus to prepare for regathering?

The following preparations have been made within our church building in accordance with CDC guidelines:

- We have increased the number of hand sanitizer (alcohol-based) stations throughout the main building, offices, Kids Ministry areas, and added hand sanitizer stations in Legacy, Heritage, and Fireside.
- Hands-free paper towel dispensers have been installed in the restrooms.
- We have increased the cleaning of high-touch surfaces, high-trafficked areas, meeting spaces, and furniture.
 - Examples of frequently touched surfaces and objects that will need routine disinfection following regathering are:
 - Tables, doorknobs, light switches, countertops, handles, desks, phones, keyboards, toilets, faucets and sinks, and touch screens.
- Once these environments open, we will increase cleaning supplies and practices for WC Kids and Student environments and equipment/toys.