

## Guidelines for In-Person Worship in the Sanctuary

(updated 9-1-21)

**Masks:** Everyone in the church building is required to wear a proper mask at all times. Exceptions are children under 2 years old and those who cannot for medical reasons, and while leading worship.

**Welcome Table:** As you arrive, all are asked to stop by the welcome table where an usher will greet you and make a note of each attendee so the church is able to notify everyone should COVID cases arise. Hand sanitizer and spare masks are available at the welcome table.

**Seating:** Our ushers will be happy to seat you as you arrive. Seating is limited to every other pew and pew cushions have been removed from the pews to be left empty.

**Music:** We are excited to return to congregational singing with the use of our hymnals. If you wish to join in congregational singing, you must be wearing an appropriate mask that covers your mouth and nose. We also request that you not project loudly as that will produce more aerosols and distribute them farther from you.

**Bathrooms:** The bathroom in the church building is open for all attendees. Please wash your hands and use hand sanitizer liberally.

**Elevette:** The elevette is available for those who need it. The elevette operator is an individual who is fully vaccinated.

**Coffee Hour:** At this time, we are not offering coffee hour. When the weather is nice we encourage you to gather out front of the church and greet one another and our pastors. We look forward to the time in the future when we can safely include coffee hour.

## Requirements for Use of the Education Building

*Approved by Church Council on 8/12/21.*

Effective September 1, 2021 the education building is open for church and public use with the following requirements:

- All visitors attending meetings or events shall wear appropriate masks at all times. (Note: Visitors includes both church people and outside groups)
- Hand sanitizer shall be made readily available for all attendees (this is the responsibility of the organization/individual holding the event)
- An accurate copy of attendees and contact information shall be kept (this is the responsibility of the organization/individual holding the event)
- Weather permitting, doors and windows are to be propped open
- Any room or venue utilized by a group shall remain vacant for at least 20 hours before being utilized by a separate group



*The Moving Forward Team made the recommendations to Church Council for both worship and the education building, with full knowledge that they will need to be modified (strengthened or relaxed) throughout the fall as our experience of COVID-19 variants and guidance from the CDC and RIDOH change.*

*We will keep you notified of any changes.*



We appreciate everyone's willingness to abide by these requirements and restrictions, as we strive to keep everyone healthy and safe