



### **First United Methodist Church Re-Entry Plan**

*The following guidelines are for First United Methodist Church decided by the Administrative Council on April 27, 2021.*

*We cannot take away all the risk, so please use your best judgment. We ask people to conduct their visiting outside in the parking lot, please.*

#### **Before the Worship Service**

- 1. If you are not feeling well stay home, please!**
2. We will continue the livestream and the radio broadcasts.
3. We **strongly** recommend people wear a face mask. This is for the safety of yourself and for others. We also strongly suggest if you bring your own mask, that it is washed after each use.
4. We will have hand sanitizer and disposable face masks for people at each entrance into the sanctuary. Ushers will remind everyone to use hand sanitizer and offer a face mask.
5. Since our seating capacity is 275-325 on the main floor and 40 in the east balcony, we will limit our worship to 50%.
6. We strongly recommend no shaking of hands or physical contact.
7. Van services will be suspended until further notice.
8. Bulletins (and other materials) will be picked up and not handed out.
9. All bathrooms are single occupancy until further notice. Please knock before entering and lock the outer door when in use.
10. Please refrain from bringing in any coffee or refreshments to the worship service.
11. We will not be using greeters until further notice.
12. The nursery will be closed until further notice.

#### **During the Worship Service**

1. Every other pew will be taped off and there will be painter's tape every six feet in the open pew to help ensure people of non-family units know where to sit.
2. The offering plate will not be passed, but stationary at each entrance of the sanctuary.

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3. Jean Ibbotson will continue to play the piano so that social distance can be respected among the praise singers and the soloist.
4. Children's Time will be conducted with the children in the pews.
5. Communion elements will be blessed and sent home in prepackaged commercial packs.

#### **After the Worship Service**

1. If we learn that one of the people who is in attendance has COVID-19, we will "Close Worship" except for livestream and radio broadcasts for two weeks. Shepherds will help get the word out in this event.
2. We will not have any coffee time or refreshments. Rather than gathering in the narthex for visiting, please go outside in the parking lot where fresh air and six feet of social distancing help make it safer.
3. We will use disinfectant wipes after each service on all surfaces that people touch with their hands.

**We cannot eliminate the risk, but we are trying to mitigate the risk by your cooperation with us,  
and therefore, love our neighbor as ourselves.**

**For any questions or concerns, please contact Pastor Paul at 792-4648.**