



## UPDATES HIGHLIGHTED BELOW

Hello Pathway. **Our doors are open! We began meeting in person on May 24<sup>th</sup>. It seems to be going well and we continue to tweak things as needed each week. We wanted to share the steps we are taking** to ensure safety to everyone who comes.

First, we are working to develop a TOUCH LESS service. We want you to feel comfortable coming into the building. **Please do not feel any pressure to come until you are ready. If you are feeling ill, please stay home and join us online.**

Second, we are asking you to help us by being conscientious about social distancing. **If you wish to socialize after the service, please consider going outside so we can lessen the risk inside the building.**

Third, we ask that you sanitize your hands as you come into the building (sanitizer provided). You are not required to wear a mask, but if you are comfortable with one it would be greatly appreciated.

Here are a few of the things we are putting in place:

- Front doors will be opened for you. Door greeters will be wearing masks.
- Hand sanitizer will be available and dispensed into your hands as you come in. (Volunteers again, will be wearing masks - and gloves as they squirt sanitizer into your hands)
- You will be asked to keep two (2) empty chairs between you and the next person in your row. Family members may sit beside each other.
- Every other row will be empty. Ribbons will be draped across empty rows and we ask that you do not remove ribbons.
- We will also set up the Fellowship Hall for additional distancing options. The video and sound will be shared through a live feed from the sanctuary.
- Offering boxes (2) will be available at the back of the worship area (and Fellowship Hall). We will not pass offering buckets. We will acknowledge our offering and ask that you use our on-line giving options or drop your offering in the boxes in the back of the room.
- We will dismiss people at the end of the service by rows. This will allow people to maintain distance as they are leaving.
- Bathrooms will be available. We ask that only 2 people at a time occupy the restrooms. (Unless it's a family with small children.)
- Nursery will be available for children 3 and younger. Toys will be limited to those easily sanitized. Please don't take a bag to the nursery and limit necessities, i.e. diapers and wipes.
- Children's Church **will not meet**. We will ask that the children sit with their parents. We hope to reassess Children's Church within the next few weeks. **We are targeting July for opening Children's Church.**
- Sunday School classes will not meet. As soon as we are able, we will begin classes again similar to Children's Church. **We are targeting July for Sunday School.**
- Recorded service. We will continue to record our service and make it available on-line for those who are not able to be with us in person.

We are sanitizing the building every Monday and again at the end of the week. We have a professional who comes in on Monday and treats the areas where people have gathered (sanctuary, common areas, fellowship hall, bathrooms, offices, hallways, and nursery.) As well, our janitorial staff is cleaning and disinfecting all the touchable surfaces on their cleaning days which is typically the end of the week. We want you to be confident that we are taking precautions to provide as safe an environment as we can. Please don't hesitate to call the office if you have questions or concerns.

We ask that you be patient with everyone and respect the social distancing requirements. We are all ready to be back together and able to hug each other once again. But until then let's celebrate the small steps, give grace to those who are helping us abide by the guidelines and above all pray for our safety and the opportunity to share God's word with our community.