



Guidelines for Re - Gathering

1. In accordance with CDC guidelines, we ask that you and your family wear a cloth face covering or mask. (Children 2 and under are not required to wear a mask.)
2. If you are vulnerable or have signs of illness, **please stay home**. Choose to worship online if you have had ANY of the following symptoms this week: fever over 100, cough, sore throat, and/or shortness of breath. Also stay home if you have had contact with anyone diagnosed with COVID-19 (in the past 14 days).
3. To create a spacious environment, we will have limited seating with adequate spacing in our Sanctuary. We will only use every other row, and we will limit our seating capacity to 100 for each service.
4. We are NOT encouraging anyone who is elderly or at high risk, with underlying health conditions, to attend. Please use good judgment and continue watching the livestream.
5. Sunday School classes will continue to meet via Facebook and/or YouTube; and Small Groups (ladies and youth) will continue to meet via ZOOM.
6. Please let us know how many from your household will be attending a service so we can best prepare for you. You can still attend if you have not registered, but it will help us prepare better if you do.

RESERVE YOUR SPOT BY:

Those without internet access, call the office to reserve your spot

219-762-7179

Those with internet access, click the following link or scan the QR Code with your phone camera to reserve your spot:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdZjiPvQQO1BMTIasqXNeIESrcLFJMS3RFYubTZnTQ8VfJNVUw/viewform?usp=sf_link



What Happens Once I Arrive?

1. Please enter through the EAST ENTRANCE or NORTH ENTRANCE
2. All doors in and through the building will be propped open so you do not have to touch any handles.
3. ARRIVAL TIME: **11 AM Service:** Doors will open at **10:40**. This will allow you time to find spaced seating without a large lineup at the doors. If you stop to talk to people you have not seen in a long time, it forces others to move around you. If you arrive earlier, please wait in your car.
4. **Please wear a face mask.** We will have a limited supply if you do not own a face mask, but we are asking you to bring one out of respect for others. (Children 2 and under are not required to wear a mask)
5. **Please maintain at least a 6-foot safe distance** as you move through the building and find a seat in the Sanctuary. Seating will be in every other row. Groups of the same household may sit together. Otherwise, leave 6 feet (4 seats) between you and the next household.

Things We Are Doing To Keep Everyone Safe:

1. The building is being thoroughly cleaned and sanitized. We will clean and sanitize the building, including the Sanctuary seats and restrooms, between services.
2. There will be hand sanitizer dispensers at all Sanctuary entrances/exits and throughout the building.
3. We will have personnel throughout to help keep everyone safe. Please practice social distancing around those serving as well.
4. There will be no bulletins or handouts. You will still be able to download a digital copy of the bulletin and announcements. (www.yourhomeforhope.org)
5. Everything is being done to keep our facility clean, safe, and sanitized. Only those on the stage will take their masks off while they are singing or speaking.

Things That Will Look Different:

1. **No Children's Ministry Activities or Nursery.** To be safe, there will be no children's church or nursery. You may bring your children into the service with you and sit together. Please help them practice proper social distancing.
2. **OFFERING.** To avoid personal contact with the offering boxes being passed, you may drop tithes and offerings in the boxes at the doors as you enter or leave. You may also continue to give online or by mailing in your gifts.
3. **Welcome and Greeting.** Please do not succumb to the desire to hug or shake hands with others. It will be hard not to hug or shake hands with those we have not seen for a while but please respect this for all people.
4. **Coffee, candy, and mints.** There will be no coffee, candy, and mints served until further notice.
5. **Please wait for ushers to dismiss you by rows.** It will take more time to empty the Sanctuary while observing social distancing (you may exit through the exterior side door also.)

What Will Children's Programming Look Like?

Your child (birth-5th grade) will join you in the Sanctuary for a family-friendly experience. Here are some helpful tips to make it a great time for them:

1. Pick up an activity bag for each child at the Sanctuary entrances. Bags will include age-appropriate activity sheets, crayons, pencil, and doodle paper. Please take everything home with you.
2. View having children in the service as an opportunity to teach, train, and answer questions. If you think your child may not know something, explain it. If they have a question, answer it. Take advantage of teachable moments. We do not expect complete silence during the service.
3. Remember that getting ready for Sunday service starts on Saturday. Start talking to your child about what to expect and what NOT to expect when you arrive at church. They should expect to stay with their family, sing, hear Pastor Hostetler preach, and enjoy a children's message. They should also expect activity bags with activities to keep them engaged. However, they should NOT expect to run and play with friends in the church, sit with other families, or go to Sunday School or a children's worship service.

Other... Please use caution in returning to church. No one will judge anyone who decides not to come back immediately. We will continue to livestream from here on out, even after we return. If you feel safer watching at home during this time, please do so. Our first concern is for the health and well-being of everyone, especially those who are elderly or at high risk.

Thank You for Your Faithfulness! Thank you to everyone who has remained faithful in giving. Your continued support has allowed us to continue to do ministry each week and provide Livestreaming for nearly 300 people each week. Thank you for helping with the ongoing expenses of the church, but also for praying and helping to take care of God's Church.

As you know, all of this could change again on a moment's notice. We are abiding by all safety recommendations from our county and state. As we move forward, there may be a time, in the future, when things move backwards. We will always seek to keep you safe and always keep you posted. Pray with us as we seek to make the very best and safest decisions for all.

Thank you for being patient with all of us as we have had to learn how to navigate uncharted waters. You have been encouraging, loving, and supportive. We are better together, and God has been with us the entire time! We love you and we have missed you.

WELCOME HOME!

