

Hello Bethel,

It is with great excitement that we anticipate being together once again for worship. We have received confirmation from Sheldon High School that we can go back to using the auditorium for our worship services and we plan to hold our first in-person worship service the morning of June 14th beginning at our normal time of 9:30. As we look ahead to gathering once again, we want to do our best to protect the health of our members and also create the atmosphere of welcome and worship that is such a wonderful part of who we are as a church. Below is information and a list of guidelines that we hope will be helpful:

- As you have heard repeatedly during this time – if you are experiencing any of the symptoms of COVID-19 (fever, cough, difficulty breathing) or are aware that you have been exposed to someone with the virus, please do not attend in-person worship.
- For the most part, we will be the only group using the auditorium during the coming months, so you do not need to be concerned about it being a high use area. On occasions where another group uses the auditorium in close proximity to a time when we use it, the school will do appropriate sanitation.
- The school asks that we limit our use of the building to the auditorium, the restrooms, the corridor between the north and south entrances and the commons. Please do not go into other areas of the building.
- The north and south doorways and the auditorium doors will be propped open so that you do not need to touch door handles.
- Hand sanitizer dispensers will be available inside the north and south doorways.
 - Think in terms of removing your home germs when you arrive and removing the church germs before you leave. 😊
- Please refrain from shaking hands, hugs etc. and be sensitive to maintaining space between yourself and others.

- **We will be encouraging staggered seating in the auditorium.**
 - **There will be marked and unmarked rows.**
 - **Marked rows will have a piece of white tape with an "M" written on it attached to the armrest of the seat on the end of the row.**
 - **Family groups and individuals are asked to sit in the seats in the middle of the marked rows. (M=Middle)**
 - **Family groups and individuals are asked to sit in the outside seats of the unmarked rows. (Seats nearest the aisles)**
 - **Family groups and individuals are asked to sit ONLY in the marked rows of the side sections of seats of the auditorium.**
 - **Individuals and family groups are asked to leave at least three empty seats between themselves and other individuals or families.**

- We will not be able to offer a nursery, but children are welcome in worship. Parents can also sit with their children in the commons area during the service.
- We will not be offering coffee and cookies after the service, but you are welcome to visit with one another at your own discretion in the commons and hallways. Please

do not gather near the doorways of the auditorium or the building entrances in order to allow those who wish to leave quickly the space to do so.

- We will not offer printed bulletins or an information table to avoid points of frequent contact. Announcements and other information will continue to be available online.
- We will not require the use of masks, but you should feel free to wear them if that increases your own comfort level.
- We will not pass the offering plates but will have a deacon with an offering plate at each auditorium door at the end of the service in which you may place your offering.
 - You can also continue to give by mailing or dropping off your offering at the church office.
 - Our web site's giving page and the tithe.ly app on your personal device will also continue to be available for your use.
- If you start to experience any symptoms of being ill while attending the worship service, please return home and inform Bethel's leadership.
- If you develop symptoms or test positive for COVID-19 following your attendance of a worship service we ask that you inform Bethel's leadership as well.
- We will record the worship service and post it to our web site for those of you who are unable to attend or are uncomfortable attending worship in person. We will try to have the recorded service uploaded and available by noon on Sunday.

We hope this information is helpful as we look forward to resuming our in-person worship services. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to get in touch.

Blessings!

The Staff, Consistory and Worship Team of Bethel