

Announcement

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, each of us has had to make sacrifices in order to care for ourselves and others in our congregation and community. As a congregation, we also have made sacrifices, including the cancellation of in-person gatherings for worship and other events. While some of us have felt the weight of these sacrifices more than others, we all have a need for fellowship and a sense of community that cannot be completely met by Zoom, phone calls, or other technologies.

After consultation with Dan Nafziger and Paul Fast, the Spiritual Leadership Team senses that we as a congregation can safely meet outside in groups of twenty-five persons or fewer for worship, prayer, or fellowship. In limited circumstances, when Zoom or meeting outside are not viable options, smaller groups (10 persons or fewer) may meet inside the building. In that case, space must be reserved in advance by contacting Jenny Hooley, Communications & Office Manager.

As always, people are asked to observe social distancing of at least six feet, to wear masks (for those over age two), and to wash hands or use hand sanitizer regularly. People should stay home if they are sick or have any symptoms of COVID-19 infection (cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, fever, muscle or body aches, vomiting or diarrhea, new loss of taste or smell, among others).

If you have any questions, please contact a member of the Spiritual Leadership Team.

The Spiritual Leadership Team (Richard Aguirre, Shirley Dick, Joanne Gallardo, Clare Krabill, Joe Liechty, Mark Schloneger, Dan Schrock, Steph Wieand)

Guidelines for meeting outside

1. Limit groups to twenty-five persons or fewer.
2. If required, please use the main bathrooms just outside the fellowship hall.
3. Observe social distancing of six feet or more and wear masks at all times (age two and up).
4. The playground will be closed for group events. However, families or others may reserve time to use the playground by contacting Jenny Hooley.

Guidelines for use of building

1. The building may be used only in limited circumstances.
2. If meeting via Zoom or outside are not viable options, groups of ten persons or less may reserve space in the building by contacting Jenny Hooley in advance.
3. If required, please use the main bathrooms just outside the fellowship hall.
4. Observe social distancing of six feet or more, wear masks at all times, and use hand sanitizer upon entering the building (provided).
5. Meetings may last no longer than two hours.
6. Kitchen and office areas are restricted without prior permission.
7. When finished, please thoroughly clean areas of use with soap and water and then disinfectant wipes or spray.

See [The Road to Reopening our Church Safely](#) (June 7, 2020)