

Backyard Worship Group Guidelines

We are looking forward to a different rhythm for worship from September 13 through October 4. To help us stay safe and support and respect one another and our varying comfort levels during this ongoing pandemic, we ask that all backyard worship attendees honor the following guidelines:

- Masks must be worn during Sunday morning worship
- Please bring chairs or a blanket for your household
- Out of respect for the hosts and other attendees, families should stay in the worship area and encourage children not to explore, jump on trampolines, play on swings, etc. Worship will be multi-generational and engaging for children, so the hope is that they are present and participating.
- Try to go to the bathroom before worship to prevent use of host bathrooms.
- Avoid bringing food or drinks to share.

Other information:

- Worship will be pre-planned each week, but everyone in the group will be invited to participate in ways that feel appropriate and comfortable for them.
- There will be a Zoom worship option each Sunday for those who choose not to meet in person.
- In case of rain, an e-mail from the office will be sent on Sunday morning by 8:00 am cancelling in-person gatherings and inviting everyone to join the Zoom worship service.
- We're trying something new together, and things may not always go exactly as planned. Please have an abundance of grace and respect for your fellow congregants, especially as we encounter differences in comfort levels around safety and the virus.
- There is no one right way to do worship together, and we are using this as a time to explore more deeply the meaning and shape of church. As a group, feel free to adapt the worship outline in ways that make sense to those of you who are gathering together.

These worship guidelines were developed by Assembly Mennonite Church and adapted by Berkey Avenue for backyard worship.