

Dear Friends of Christ Church,

We received permission to start meeting in the building as well as continuing our online worship services starting June 20th. This will be Reverend Sharon Langfeldt's last Sunday before she retires, so we will also have a celebration in the Fellowship Hall following the in person worship service.

The attached plan was developed by the Return to Church Implementation Team, with guidance from the Church Council and submitted to our District Superintendent to get permission for in-person worship. The plan was based on the United Methodist Mountain Sky Conference guidelines as well as the experiences of other churches. To create a safe environment we examined the CDC and Colorado guidelines and talked to a public health professional. Here are the important points of our plan:

- **Please wear a mask**, at least for now. We have members in our congregation who are not vaccinated for medical reasons or for personal concerns and they need to wear a mask. A combination of masks and maskless can create divisions and feelings of isolation. We want all to feel welcome in our church. Parents, please figure out the correct age for your child to wear a mask or not wear a mask.
- **There will be colored dots** by the door that you can use to indicate your comfort level with greeting others. The code is:
 - Red dot means please maintain 6 feet of social distancing
 - Yellow dot means elbow bumps only
 - Green dot means handshakes and high-fives approved
- **Social distancing of six feet is to be practiced.** The pews will be marked as to where you can sit or not sit in order to maintain that 6 feet of social distancing. An initial seating plan is attached. There will also be six foot ribbons on the pews, if you need a gauge. To get the most seating possible, as you enter the sanctuary, families/pods of 3 or more should choose an appropriately marked pew on the right. Individuals and twosomes from the same household/pod should sit in an appropriately marked pew on the left. If more people show up than fit in the pews our overflow will start in the choir loft and as we grow again, we will set up streaming into the Fellowship Hall.
- **While moving around the building**, please maintain the six feet of social distancing unless someone is wearing a green dot or gives you permission to enter their bubble.
- **If you are sick**, please stay home and participate online.
- **Bathrooms:** 1 household/pod at a time in the bathroom. Remember, we have a second set in the basement, directly beneath the first floor bathrooms.
- **We won't be serving coffee or open plates of snacks.** You can bring your own with you.
- **There won't be singing** for now.
- **We won't pass offering plates.** Please give electronically or use the offering plates by the doors to the sanctuary.

All of these changes may feel strange and clumsy at first. We will adjust to them and as the pandemic ebbs and flows, we will adjust it, as necessary.

We are excited to see you in person and online! It has been a challenging time and we have built resiliency through it.

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