

Protocol for Reopening of FUMC

Note: This protocol was carefully considered taking into account the latest recommendations of the CDC, Pennsylvania Health Department, and the Susquehanna Conference of the United Methodist Church by the Medical Team and Safety Committee of FUMC. Remember that these precautions protect not only you, but your family and other members of the congregation. Your safety and health (both physical and spiritual) are our highest priority.

Included Groups:

Sanctuary Worship

Sunday School

Bible and other study groups

Team/Committee meetings

Haitian worshippers

For those wishing to use the building for Sunday School, Bible and other study groups, or Team/Committee meetings, please schedule these with Stacey Fogal by phone or email (717 263 8491 ext201, office4fumc@gmail.com) so that appropriate room for spacing and arrangements for cleansing can be made.

General Considerations and Precautions:

1. Please stay home if you or anyone in your household does not feel well, are sick, or have a fever >101 F (100.4 if measured from forehead).
2. Please stay home if you or anyone in your household are diagnosed or are suspected of having Covid 19 or have a test for the virus pending.
3. Please obey all signage regarding precautions and designated entryways to the church.

Specific Requirements:

1. Entry to the church will be by the middle second street door or the handicapped ramp in the alley only.

2. Masks are required. If you cannot wear a mask for a valid medical reason, you will be allowed to enter but be seated in a more isolated section.
3. If you have traveled out of town, specifically to areas of high virus spread (ie Florida, Texas, North or South Carolina, Arizona, etc) you will need to tell the usher on entry so that you may be seated in a specific section.
4. If you are in a high risk group including those with diabetes, heart disease, lung disease, immune compromise, cancer diagnosis, age >65, or other serious chronic illnesses, you will need to tell the usher on entry so that you may be seated in a specific section.
5. Each person is to use hand sanitizer upon entry and again when leaving the building.
6. Upon seating, each household should maintain a distance of six feet between themselves and the next household. This will be approximately two arm lengths for easy measurement.
7. There is to be no singing, though you may hum along. The Praise Team is an exception and they will be sufficiently spaced away from the congregation.
8. After the service is complete, the ushers will dismiss everyone pew by pew to keep all spaced apart appropriately.
9. The offering plates will be placed by each entry and at the back of the sanctuary to receive your offering.