

Main Street United Methodist Church
In-person Gathering Guidelines & Policies

June 14, 2020

The following policies and guidelines from the EOC and CDC have been approved by the Pastor and the Ad Council. Please remember that flexibility is needed by everyone as we navigate our way through this fluid time.

- **If you are sick, please stay home!** The CDC has identified the following symptoms to be connected to Covid-19: cough, fever, chills, muscle pain, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, sore throat, and new loss of taste or smell.
- COVID-19 Restriction on attendance – If any suspected or positive case in your household, group living facility, including nursing homes exist, you should not attend in person church until 14-day quarantine expires.
- Face masks are encouraged and will be provided. Please wear one or not based upon your individual preference and health conditions. Children under 2 years of age and anyone that cannot remove themselves should not wear one per CDC recommendations.
 - Social distancing should be adhered to with or without a face covering.
- Please use the canopy door entrance.
- Hand sanitizer will be available at the entrance and throughout the building.
- Please honor the six feet of physical distancing as you arrive and as you move throughout the church. This includes no hugging, handshakes, or other physical touching of other members outside of your family.
- There will also be a thermometer at the entrance to check your temperature.
- Our overflow area now sports colorful dots that have been measured six feet apart, so we have a visual guide as we move through this area.
- Coffee and snacks are put away at this time.
- One person or parent with child at a time in restrooms, spray hi-touch areas after using with provided sanitizer (Steramine* Spray Bottle).
- Sanctuary monitors for announcements & worship liturgy, no bulletins

- Our sanctuary will look a little different as we have stored the teddy bears for a time, out of utmost caution since they cannot be readily sanitized.
- Please select your seating in the pews that are marked by a ribbon. Family members are not required to social distance but please maintain the 6 feet distance between families.
- For the time being, there will be no congregational singing. We will have prelude, postlude, and solo or special music.
- Nursery to remain closed for the time being due to distancing requirements.
- Disposable communion cups with wafers will be provided for Holy Communion.
- Our tithes/offering plates will be positioned in the back to place offerings.
- Ushers and/or other volunteers will wipe down hi-touch areas with required sanitizer.
- Passing of the peace will be from our seats with a wave.
- Ushers will dismiss the congregation by pew to spread out our departure.
- Online worship will continue for those who wish to worship at home.
- Small groups and Sunday School classes may resume in the building as well with social distancing guidelines, including masks, hand sanitizer and other suggestions stated above. Meeting will be in the downstairs Fellowship Hall.
 - Please sit one person per table unless you are from the same household.
 - Sanitizer bottles will be provided to wipe down your area after meetings.
- **Note: CAUTION:** Steramine contains a blue dye that will stain fabrics and other porous materials. For hard surfaces only. Keep out of reach of children. Won't irritate skin or hands. Effective at killing HIV-1 (AIDS Virus) and Sars viruses.