

New Guidelines for In Person Worship:

We have good news for you! Now that 60.1% of adults in Lehigh County have received at least their first vaccination for COVID-19 and with the virus transmissions level dropping and restrictions being removed, our Re-Opening Task Force is comfortable loosening our own in-person worship restrictions. Please keep in mind that this is an ongoing discussion and not every member is of the same mind. These new recommendations and guidelines come out of their best consensus.

MASKS:

- Vaccinated parishioners are no longer required to wear masks.
- Unvaccinated parishioners are encouraged to wear masks.
- Unvaccinated children and youth are requested to wear masks.

REGISTRATION:

- Registration for worship is no longer required.

COMMUNION:

- Summer Communion elements will be served with individual “communion cups.”

SEATING:

- We will return to “open seating” and remove restrictions regarding which aisles and doors can be used but ask that people continue to use social distancing in the Sanctuary.

HYMNALS:

- Hymnals, Bibles, Pew Pads, Envelopes will be returned to the pews.

WORSHIP BULLETINS:

- Individual worship bulletins will be provided.

NARTHEX:

- Items will be returned to the narthex.

COFFEE BAR:

- The Coffee Bar will remain closed through the summer but those who wish to have coffee are welcome to bring their own.

ENVIRONMENT:

- For everyone's protection we will use a combination of Air Conditioning, Fresh Air, and Halo technology. At the moment this combination seems to provide the best protection.

We are hopeful that these changes are good news to you. However, we ask that we all respect each other. We all have different "comfort levels" in living with this virus. Some of these changes will draw people back to church while some may remain reluctant. We owe each other the respect, care, and concern as a faith community.

Please be sure to continue to use the sanitation station in the narthex.

Lastly, getting vaccinated is a personal decision and the reasons to get vaccinated or not to get vaccinated are varied. If you have concerns about the vaccines please discuss them with your healthcare provider.

Faith's Re-Opening Task Force