

Dreisbach UCC Guidelines for Returning to In-Person Worship

During this Pandemic, love of neighbor requires careful planning. Because we love God, we want to offer worship that brings our very best. Because we love our neighbors, we want to do everything we can to make sure we bring no harm to anyone when we gather.

As we return to in-person Worship Services August 9, 2020, the following guidelines have been created by the Covid 19 Task Force Committee. These procedures have been recommended by Penn Central Conference and approved by Consistory.

We know that this is a difficult time and church as we know it, has now changed. We pray this is temporary and we can get back to normal soon. Please be mindful and respect others as we all have different health concerns and pre-existing conditions that make us more vulnerable to the virus.

Masks are mandatory when entering the church building and must be kept on for the entire service per state mandated order. Masks will be provided if you do not have one. Ages 2 and under do not need to wear a mask.

If you need to use the elevator, someone will assist you.

Please use the hand sanitizer stations at the bottom of each stairway before going up the stairs.

All doors will be propped open so there is no need to touch them.

If you enter from the front of the church, please seat yourself on the right side of the sanctuary. If you enter from the back/side door, please sit on the left side of the sanctuary.

There will be a drop box for your offering in the back of the church.

Please go straight to a marked pew, starting from front to back, using the center aisle and outside aisle.

We will be staggering every other pew to maintain proper physical distancing.

We ask that if you choose to sing, please do it softly and be properly masked as this activity has a high risk of spreading the virus.

You will be dismissed by pew from the service, using the outside aisles to go out the same way you came in.

Please no congregating in the back of the church before or after the service.

Restrooms are available for use, please use hand sanitizer before, and after using the facility. Please lock the door upon entering so there is only one person using it at a time.

The Nursery and the kids area in the back of the church will **NOT** be available for use. Children must stay in the pew with adult supervision. The kids church bags will be available in the back of the church and will be marked with your child's name. Please leave the bag in the pew when you leave.

If you are not comfortable attending the service under these restrictions, we understand. Please keep watching from your home on Facebook or YouTube, or dial in if you can.

By entering the Church and attending the in-person Worship Service you are assuming the risk of contracting COVID-19.

Your cooperation as members, friends and family of Dreisbach are greatly appreciated! We miss you and can't wait to see everyone!

The Covid 19 Task Force Committee and Consistory