



## *Covenant United Methodist Church*

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“Be still and know that I am God” Psalm 46:10

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Thank you for taking the time to respond to our second COVID-19 survey. We had 82 responses. They revealed that, as in many things, we have folks in different places around masks, social distancing, and more. Your Resumption of Activities Team met and reviewed the responses in detail. After long discussions about people’s preferences and our desire to slowly loosen restrictions even as we ensure the most vulnerable are protected, we have decided we will have the following guidelines for worship which will go into effect on July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021:

- 1) Registration will continue to be required so that contact tracing can be done. All are welcome, even if they haven’t registered, but will need to provide a name and contact phone number. Pre-registration is requested to ease demands on our hospitality team.
- 2) There will be no limit on attendance numbers.
- 3) Seating will continue to be in alternating rows.
- 4) Social distancing is strongly encouraged. People are invited to make decisions on social distancing based on their health, vaccination status, and CDC guidelines included below.
- 5) Masks are strongly encouraged. People are invited to make decisions on masks based on their health, vaccination status, and CDC guidelines included below.
- 6) Communion will continue to be taken at our seats using individual communion cups.
- 7) We will be coordinating a post-worship, once-a-month fellowship time outside, if weather permits, or in the fellowship hall. We will continue to use individually packaged drinks and snacks.
- 8) We will continue having our live ensembles during worship throughout the summer. Kathy, the choir, and the leadership team are working on exploring plans for the choir’s return in the fall.

I continue to be thankful for our Resumption of Activities Team and its willingness to make difficult decisions that balance many preferences and work to keep all our people safe. I hope that you and your family will review the summarized CDC guidelines below and talk about the right choice for your family to maintain a connection to God and your church family and to keep your family as safe as possible. If you have any questions or concerns about our COVID-19 response, please feel free to contact me at the church office or [dawn.stewart@covenant-umc.org](mailto:dawn.stewart@covenant-umc.org).

Grace and peace,  
Pastor Dawn

# Choosing Safer Activities

Adapted from the CDC guide: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/participate-in-activities.html>

	Unvaccinated People	Examples of Activities	Fully Vaccinated People
		<b>Outdoor</b>	
Safest		Attend a small, outdoor gathering with fully vaccinated family and friends	
Less Safe		Attend a small, outdoor gathering with fully vaccinated and unvaccinated people	
		Dine outdoors with people from multiple households	
Least Safe		Attend a crowded, outdoor event	
		<b>Indoor</b>	
Less Safe		Attend a small, indoor gathering of fully vaccinated and unvaccinated people from multiple households	
		Take communion in a socially distanced worship service	
Least Safe		Go to an indoor movie theater	
		Attend a full-capacity worship service	
		Sing in a worship service	
		Have fellowship hour with food	
		Participate in an indoor, high intensity exercise class	

## Get a COVID-19 Vaccine



**Prevention measures not needed**



**Take prevention measures**  
Wear a mask, stay 6 feet apart, and wash your hands.

- Safety levels assume the recommended prevention measures are followed, both by the individual and the venue (if applicable).
- CDC cannot provide the specific risk level for every activity in every community. It is important to consider your own personal situation and the risk to you, your family, and your community before venturing out.



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