

## SAFETY GUIDELINES FOR SERVICES/GATHERINGS DURING COVID-19

On June 28 we will begin our return to church services at Bethel! Please understand that we will be exercising caution and concern for the health of all. Therefore, our worship together will look a little different. Note that it is understood that not everyone may feel comfortable attending services at this time. If you are someone who is sick, shows symptoms of sickness, or you do not feel comfortable in returning, recordings of the service(s) will be posted online (i.e. Facebook, YouTube, etc.) and printed copies of sermon and bulletin will be available in the drawers on the table outside under the awning. We look forward to the time when everyone will feel safe to worship and fellowship as an entire church family, but until that time, everyone's personal decision concerning attending will be respected and no one will be looked down upon for not attending. Until such time as it is considered that the COVID-19 risk has diminished and we can return to normal, please adhere to the following safety guidelines for your own safety and the safety of others:

\*To avoid the need to disinfect the church prior to the Sunday services, entry into the building will not be allowed during the week prior to Sundays, other than for cleaning.

### Sunday School Guidelines

1. Sunday School will be held in the Fellowship Hall. Those attending Sunday School should enter the building through the Fellowship Hall door next to the handicap ramp.
2. Prior to entry inside the church we will require temperature checks with a thermometer. Sherrie Feaster or Lewis Hobgood will conduct the temperature checks and will ask a series of short questions to evaluate if anyone may be sick or may have contracted the coronavirus.
  - a. Questions are laid out in the Worship Service Guidelines. (see guideline 1a).
3. Markers in a line, on the sidewalk and under the awning, will be placed six feet apart.
  - a. Families may stand together.
  - b. If all markers are occupied, please remain inside your vehicle until a marker is vacant.
4. We encourage all to arrive early to allow for this process.
5. Anyone with a temperature of 100 degrees or more will not be allowed inside.
  - a. If you are someone who has a temperature of 100 degrees or more, we will politely ask you to cool off for a few minutes inside your vehicle and go through another temperature check.
6. Hand Sanitizer will be available at the table just inside the door.
7. Everyone should maintain at least a six-foot separation between non-family members when entering and leaving the Fellowship Hall.
8. A collection plate will be placed at the front of the Fellowship Hall for all offerings to be dropped off upon entering or leaving.
9. Masks will be available but not required.
10. Everyone should remember to cover all coughs and sneezes with their sleeve or a handkerchief. Those who must cough or sneeze repeatedly should excuse themselves until the episode has passed.
11. Chairs will be placed six feet (two arm-lengths) apart. Families may sit together.
12. There will be no singing during Sunday School. If desired, recorded music or the playing of the piano will be allowed.

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13. Restrooms will be restricted to one person at the time. More than one person is allowed if they are of the same household. Occupants must lock the door upon entry to the restroom and thoroughly wash hands before exiting the restroom.
  - a. Signs will be placed on restroom doors to remind those using the restroom to lock the door and wash hands.
14. At the end of the Sunday School time, everyone will exit while maintaining at least a six-foot separation. Those closest to the exits should exit first, followed by the next closest, etc.

### Worship Service Guidelines

1. Prior to entry inside the church we will require temperature checks with a thermometer. Sherrie Feaster or Lewis Hobgood will conduct the temperature checks and will ask a series of short questions to evaluate if anyone may be sick or may have contracted the coronavirus. If you attend Sunday School at 10am, you will not need to be re-checked.
  - a. Questions:
    - i. Do you have any of the following symptoms: cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing OR at least two of the following: fever ( $\geq 100.0^{\circ}\text{F}$ ), chills, repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat or new loss of taste or smell?
    - ii. To your knowledge, have you been within 6 feet (2 meters) of a COVID-19 positive patient for a prolonged period of time?
    - iii. Have you had direct contact with infectious secretions (e.g. being coughed on by a COVID-19 positive patient) of someone diagnosed with COVID-19 case while not wearing a face mask?
2. 8 markers in a line, on the sidewalk and under the awning, will be placed six feet apart.
  - a. Families may stand together.
  - b. If all 8 markers are occupied, please remain inside your vehicle until a marker is vacant.
3. Those who need to use the handicap ramp should have someone notify the person at the main (side) entry so that their temperature can be taken before entering the handicap ramp.
4. We encourage all to arrive early to allow for this process.
  - a. Again, if you are a regular attendee of Sunday School at 10am then you will not need to be re-checked.
5. Any temperature of 100 degrees or more will not be allowed inside.
  - a. (If you are someone who has a temperature of 100 degrees or more, we will politely ask you to cool off for a few minutes inside your vehicle and go through another temperature check)
6. Hand Sanitizer will be available at stations
  - a. next to the side entryway outside,
  - b. at the top of the steps in the sanctuary,
  - c. and at the top of the handicap ramp outside.
7. A collection plate will be placed in the back of the church for all tithes to be dropped off upon entering or leaving the church sanctuary.
  - a. An announcement will be made of this change during the offertory portion of the service. This announcement will also be a reminder to those who missed it on the way in.
8. Masks will be available but not required.

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9. Everyone should remember to cover all coughs and sneezes with their sleeve or a handkerchief. Those who must cough or sneeze repeatedly should excuse themselves until the episode has passed.
10. Pews will be taped off every other row and every six feet (two arm-lengths apart)
  - a. Families may sit together.
11. During the service there will be no congregational singing. However, Ben will continue to play.
  - a. Hymnals will still be available for use if you may want to follow along in singing in your heart and mind.
12. Passing of the Peace will still be observed, but only that. Please if you can, refrain from moving around. Remember six feet apart. Therefore, the following are appropriate:
  - a. (i.e. – peace sign, air fist-bump, and or the blowing a kiss gesture)
13. No Communion at this time.
14. Restrooms will be restricted to one person. More than one person is allowed if they are of the same household.
15. Dismissal will be row by row. Those to the right of the pulpit will exit using the door to the handicap ramp. Those to the left of the pulpit will exit using the double doors. Those closest to the exits will be dismissed first.
16. If you are someone who is sick, shows symptoms of sickness, or you do not feel comfortable in returning, recordings of the service(s) will be posted online (i.e. facebook, youtube, etc.) and printed copies of sermon and bulletin will be available in the drawers on the table outside under the awning.