**COVID-19 Precautions – First UMC Worship Gatherings**

*Please review the following precautions to safely gather in-person during the pandemic.*

**Guidelines for worshiping in-person:**

* Anyone quarantining for confirmed COVID-19 or awaiting COVID test results, must stay home and worship online.
* Anyone feeling ill in the past 48 hours, especially with fever or cough, must stay home and worship online. CDC screening guidance may be found [HERE](https://www.cdc.gov/screening/index.html).
* Those not vaccinated are encouraged to worship virtually, online, for their own safety.
* No childcare or access to the nursery will be available.
* Worship attendance numbers will be limited to ensure social distancing.
* Please note that ionization units have been installed in the sanctuary and overflow areas to help reduce airborne virus. After each worship service, there will be cleaning of high-touch areas as well as bathrooms.

**Procedures for worshiping in-person:**

* Worship attendees will pre-register using Eventbrite (preferred) or by calling the church office at 717-533-9668.
  + Register for 8:30 a.m. services at  <https://firstumc830worship.eventbrite.com>.
  + Register for 10 a.m. services at  <https://firstumc10worship.eventbrite.com>.
* Entry will be via main church entrance (walkway from upper parking lot) with doors open 20 minutes prior to the start of the service.
* Worship attendees will check-in with staff or volunteers in the narthex upon arrival.
* Building access will be limited to the first floor (not ground or second floors)
* Attendees must maintain social distancing (family groups stay 6 feet apart, no handshakes, hugs, or other close contact).
* Attendees must wear face masks while on church property.
* No singing at gatherings since it may increase the spread of COVID-19.
* Non-contact offering will be available.
* No eating or drinking will be allowed in the church building.
* Exit will be via Linden Street, courtyard, or main doors.
* Congregating after the service should take place outside.
* Handwashing or use of hand sanitizer should be done before and after gathering.

A short video explaining the above procedures may be found [HERE](https://youtu.be/lw4JXkbbVyE).

*Thank you for showing care and respect for the members and guests of First UMC by following these guidelines and procedures.*