

The United Methodist Church of Elmwood

July 2020 Re-open Policy- Guidelines / Plan under Phase (4)

The following policy and plan effective July 1st, 2020 until further noted under **Phase 4** of the reopening plan.

Required policy and plan for in-person worship services, Bible Studies or other activities:

- Face mask or coverings of mouth and nose must be worn at all times within the building unless medically prohibited.
- Number of people within the building at one time is limited to 50 including pastor.
- Physical Distancing of minimum of 6 foot apart (seated or standing). Family and household members or couples may sit together to be together.
- Please refrain from handshaking or embracing at this time. Air fives, waving and other greetings that observe physical distancing are encouraged and permitted.
- We will have music but not congregational singing.
- We ask that you arrive right on time, and not congregate before or afterwards. Services will last approximately 30 minutes.
- Children are welcome! We will not hold Sunday School, Nursery or Children's Church at this time.
- Restroom visits during worship times. A restroom steward will be available. After you exit the restroom the restroom facility will be shut down temporarily (2-3 minutes) while the restroom steward wipes down handles, sinks, and any other surfaces that may have been touched.
- Reservations must be made for the time you choose to come to worship. Please plan to attend at the time you are scheduled. If your plans change, please notify the church ASAP. Please do not swap out times without notifying the church first. Example: choosing to come to 10:30 AM service that you were not reserved for and not attending at 9AM where you were reserved could result on over-booking a particular service.
- We ask that you please refrain from touching door handles entering or exiting the building these doors should be open and will remain open except for the front main entrance door that will be closed during the worship time.
- Visitors and guests to the congregation will be provided with a mask upon entrance into the building. Contact information will be taken should contact tracing for a Covid 19 exposure be necessary.

July 2020 Re-open Policy- Guidelines / Plan under Phase (3)

Should we not transition as expected to Phase 4 by July, or should there be a need to transition back to Phase 3 at a later date, the following policy and plan will be effective **under Phase 3.**

Required policy and plan for in-person worship services, Bible Studies or other activities:

- Face mask or coverings of mouth and nose must be worn at all times within the building unless medically prohibited.
- Number of people within the building at one time is limited to 10 including pastor
- Physical distancing of minimum of 6 foot apart (seated or standing) please note: Family and household members or couples may sit together to be together.
- Please refrain from handshaking or embracing at this time. Air fives, waving and other greetings that observe physical distancing are encouraged and permitted.
- We will have music but not congregational singing.
- We ask that you arrive right on time, and not congregate before or afterwards. Services will be approximately 30 minutes.
- Children are welcome! We will not hold Sunday School, Nursery or Children's Church at this time.
- Restroom visits during worship times. A restroom steward will be available. After you exit the restroom the restroom facility will be shut down temporarily (2-3 minutes) while the restroom steward wipes down handles, sinks, and any other surfaces that may have been touched.
- Reservations must be made for the time you choose to come to worship. Please plan to attend the time you are scheduled. If your plans change, please notify the church ASAP. Please do not swap out times without notifying the church first. Example: choosing to come to 10:30 AM service that you were not reserved for and not attending at 9AM where you were reserved could result on over-booking a particular service.
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Additional Information:

Worship Services

- Worship will look a little different.
- Entrance into the building will be through the main double doors, and exit will be through the west door in the Fellowship Hall. Please observe signage.
- The doors will be open five minutes before service. they will be closed when service begins on time.
- Interior doors to the fellowship hall will remain open at all times.
- Someone will be on hand to direct you to your seat.
- We will be taking names and noting the date and time of service you are attending should contact tracing for a Covid 19 exposure be necessary.
- We will gather only in the Fellowship Hall to celebrate our love of Christ.
- Please do not move about the rest of the building unless using the restroom.
- We have allowed enough time to clean and sanitize after each service.
- No printed information about the service and announcements at this time- this info will be on the monitor and on the church website – www.elmwoodumc.com .
- An on-line service will continue to be available as a worship option.
- Services will be about 30 minutes.
- We will have a basket set out by the door for your offering.
- We will defer coffee hour and fellowship time until it is safer to have these.

Bible Studies

- All Bible studies will be held in the Fellowship Hall
- Bible studies will be limited to the number allowable in the phases that we are under. (Phase (3) - 10 people or fewer / Phase (4) - 30 people or fewer)
- Dates for Bible study are to be announced.
- You are encouraged and welcome to bring your own Bibles to Bible study.
- No printed Bible study lessons will be given out at this time.

Please note:

- We strongly encourage everyone to follow these policies and guidelines. These are in place to assure everyone is safe and feels welcome to attend.
- We will rely upon each other's cooperation to do this and offer encouragement to cooperate in a spirit of love and respect with each other as well.
- Our goal is to glorify God, and to keep others safe by doing no harm.
- As we move forward these guidelines may be altered, some may be removed, and some may be added.
- These guidelines will remain in place until further noted.