

Dear Zoar Church Family,

We are tentatively planning to resume our on-campus worship service on Sunday July 12, 2020 at 10:00.

The Deacons have met numerous times for discussion. We have also consulted Pastor Danny, Vicky, Lyn, and the church leadership to discuss the safest way for us to re-open the campus for worship. We want you to feel safe and have a spirit of worship as we return in the midst of this Covid-19 pandemic. We also are in prayer over the unrest our nation is facing. Please see below the temporary changes we will put in place as we join back together.

- 1 Worship services on campus will resume on Sunday July 12, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.
2. Sunday School will be held at each class's discretion. Other group meetings can be held as long as social distancing and personal protective practices are followed (hand washing, masks, etc.).
3. There will be no greeters at the doors before the service begins. The Deacons and safety team will be available to assist any first-time visitors or anyone else with information and/or seating assistance prior to and during the services.
4. There will be no "Meet and Greet" time in the sanctuary during the service.
5. As we exit the service, please pay attention to the exit paths. We request that you do not gather in the hallways or on the church grounds following service. Again, the Deacons and safety team will be available to offer spiritual or physical assistance to anyone as needed.
6. Due to the Governor's mandate, masks will now be required. If you don't have a mask, we will have masks available. \*\*\*\* changed from original letter
7. We will not have a nursery available. Children will remain in the sanctuary with parents during the services.
8. We will continue to record and post the service and Sunday School lessons as we have been doing on Facebook and the website for those who can't or chose not to attend. However, those will be delayed till after the service.
9. The Building and Grounds committee have arranged the sanctuary seating in several different configurations in an effort to meet social distancing requirements.

10. Please place your offering in the baskets at the door upon entering the sanctuary. We encourage the use of the donate button on our website for online giving as well.

11. There will be no choir at this time.

12. The church offices will re-open on its regular schedule Monday July 13, 2020. Janice will be in the office but we ask that you limit your visits. She will still be controlling entrance based on her safety. If you need to meet with her or any of the staff, please make an appointment by calling the office before you come.

We, your Deacons, have tried to take all suggestions for coming back together safely under consideration. We believe this is a good plan for what we hope will be a short period of time. We know it is not “normal” but it is a step towards it. While we look forward to seeing those who can attend, we do not want you to feel uncomfortable or put yourself at unnecessary risk by attending services on campus. Our Lord knows our hearts and the church remains in us and not limited to being within the four walls of our building.

If you have questions or concerns, please reach out to your Deacon or any of us and we will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

God bless you all.

In Christ,

Your Deacon Body

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