

## **Welcome back to sanctuary worship at FCCE!**

FCCE is delighted to announce the re-opening of both in-church services on July 5th, 2020. This message includes information on how we are planning to safely resume sanctuary services during these difficult times. We realize that every one of us has different needs and comfort levels, so we have four options to choose from:

1. Continue online worship at home.
2. Park by the apartments and listen to our drive-in broadcast at 89.7FM- please practice social distancing.
3. Bring a lawn chair and sit in the courtyard, where an outdoor speaker will amplify the service inside-please practice social distancing.
4. Worship in the sanctuary-please practice social distancing.

### **FCCE COVID-19 Safety Guidelines for Sanctuary Services**

For your and others' sakes, if you have fever or chills, sore throat or congestion, shortness of breath, new loss of taste and smell, or any other common COVID-19 symptoms, seek medical care and do not come to church.

Please wear a mask or face covering while in the church. Masks will be available for those who need one. Hopefully you were able to receive a handmade one from Susie Campagna. What a gift she was able to provide to our congregation. "Face coverings are meant to protect other people in case the wearer is unknowingly infected but does not have symptoms" (CDC).

Social distancing is essential. Please honor the six-foot distancing guidelines while in the church and on the church property.

Hand sanitizing stations will be available near entry doors.

You may enter and exit the church through the rear (office entrance) doors or the main (narthex) doors. All classrooms, kitchen, fellowship hall, and the basement will be closed.

Restrooms - The men's and women's restrooms in the narthex will be open. (The basement restrooms are closed). We recommend only one person use the restroom at a time to help with social distancing.

Arrival time for the 9:00 am traditional service - 8:45-9:00 am

Arrival time for the 10:30 am contemporary service - 10:15-10:30 am

Please do not arrive earlier than 15 minutes prior to the service you are attending. We will be cleaning the sanctuary, door handles, and restrooms between services.

Seating will be marked with ribbon. Fill in from the front rows to the back rows when arriving in the sanctuary. Exit from the back rows first, then the front rows, in an orderly fashion so as to honor social distancing guidelines of six feet. Please sit with those whom you live with. We can accommodate up to 50 worshipers in each service.

Offering - There will be a basket at the entrance to the sanctuary to place your offering in. You may also give online at [www.fccedwardsville.org](http://www.fccedwardsville.org) or mail your offering to the church at 310 S. Main, Edwardsville IL 62025.

Communion - Individually sealed communion wafer and juice packs will be provided as you enter the sanctuary. There will be trash cans at the doors as you exit the sanctuary for used packs.

Please exit the building immediately following the services.

The congregation will not be singing in the sanctuary at this time as “this significantly increases the risk of transmission of the virus by projecting respiratory droplets” (IDPH). At this time, we are planning to have special music (possibly a soloist) in the 9:00 am service and on the path will provide music in the 10:30 am service.

Sunday school and childcare will not be offered at this time.

Please feel free to bring a drink with you. No food or drinks will be made available at this time. We will not be holding our fellowship time between services.

All hymnals, bibles, papers, and writing utensils have been removed from the pew backs at this time. Please feel free to bring a bible from home if you would like.

Please contact the office at 618-656-7498 or [admin@fccedwardsville.org](mailto:admin@fccedwardsville.org) if you have any questions or concerns. May God continue to help us care for our congregation as we care for one another.