

**ZION UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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Greetings Zion families and friends,

It has been over 3 months now since we had to close our building due to the virus pandemic. For the past few weeks, our church COVID-19 Task Force, Trustees and Worship team teamed up to make safe environment for worship and activities at Zion. Thanks to their efforts, we were able to rearrange our church setting to meet the CDC guidelines.

Today, we are excited to inform you that **we are ready for reopening of the building on Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup>.** Our preparation encompasses from building rearrangement to modification of worship practices and orders, yet please be advised that your cooperation is crucial to prevent potential spread of the virus among the congregation.

Here is the list of the things we want you to know, and be mindful of when you attend services at Zion.

- If you feel sick, for your sake and the sake of others, please **DO NOT** attend worship.
- If you are over 65 and/or have underlying health concerns, you are at higher risk for severe illness from coronavirus. Use your discretion as you consider attending onsite service.
- We require all people to wear face masks during their stay inside the building. You may bring in yours with you, or we will provide disposable masks at the entrance of the building.
- Every other row of pews will be blocked and marked, so that you can maintain 6 feet distance between yourself and non-family members.
- The main entrance doors will be propped open to minimize the physical contact.
- Hand sanitizer will be available at the entrance of the building, and some other areas where you would most likely touch the items. Please wash your hands as often as you can, or use hand sanitizer for your safety.
- Offering will be received in plates prepared at the door to the sanctuary.
- There will be no congregational singing during the service. All music will be played either by organist or Youtube on the screen.
- Children's message will be offered through video recording that children can stay and watch with their family in the pew.
- During this first phase of reopening, church office, kitchen, dining hall, and nursery will be blocked from your access.
- Groups and classes may meet outside the building that allows for physical distancing, yet not recommended.
- Even after we resume onsite worship and activities, we will continue providing online access to Sunday School and worship service that you can join us in your home.

We make all these new arrangements for your safety. As the situation with the pandemic improves, we will be able to get together in our accustomed manner, resuming nursery, small group meetings, and HE BREWS coffee bar.

We look forward to seeing you soon again on Sunday mornings!

Blessings,

Rev. Chang H. Yi, Pastor

Brad Loiland, Ad Council Chair