

## Worshipping Safely

Our Session has made the decision to open our doors for in-person worship beginning February 17<sup>th</sup> on Ash Wednesday. The COVID-19 Congregational Protocol Team is striving to keep everyone who wants to attend in-person worship, SAFE! We urge anyone who is 65 years of age or older, or who has underlying health conditions, to strongly consider joining in worship through our virtual door. Our streamed services have been beautiful!

For those who wish to participate by in-person worship, we will have some new protocols in place to maximize the safety of our members and guests:

- Masks will be worn properly--**covering the nose and mouth--at all times**
- Guests will adhere to social distancing, remaining 6 ft from anyone who is not in their household
- Hand sanitizer will be available for use when entering the building and sanctuary
- Guests will enter through the CE Building front or alley doors only, no more than 30 minutes before the start of worship
- Guests will keep their coats and belongings with them while in the building
- Upon entry, all guests will be greeted by hosts and will be asked to provide contact information and affirm wellness at check-in stations in the CE Lobby
- After checking in, guests are asked to go directly to the Sanctuary, where they will be seated by the ushers, **in household groups**. Due to safe spacing, sanctuary seating is limited, and we will use Boyd Chapel for overflow seating
- There will be no singing or passing of Peace by contact, during worship
- Guests are asked to remain in their seats during worship
- Ushers will dismiss guests by rows starting at the rear of the sanctuary and moving forward
- Guests are asked to exit the building through the CE Lobby front or alley doors directly after worship

Our sincere hope is, by adhering to these protocols, our members and guests who come through our doors will stay safe and healthy. We certainly look forward to the day that we can all worship together without restrictions!

With high hopes for the COVID-19 vaccines, we urge you to strongly consider receiving the vaccine. We understand the frustration of trying to obtain a vaccine. Patience and persistence are required!

**For folks 65 years and older**, as well as frontline workers, **Monroe County Health Department** now has a **COVID-19 Preregistration Form** that you can submit, and you will be placed on a list to be notified when a vaccine is waiting for you! You can access this form online at [healthymonroecounty.com/covidvaccine](https://healthymonroecounty.com/covidvaccine) or by calling (734) 240-7860. Vaccines are given at Monroe County Community College.

**Promedica Monroe Regional Hospital** is also giving vaccines, right in their lobby, **by appointment only**. Online vaccine info can be accessed at [www.promedica.org/covid/vaccines](http://www.promedica.org/covid/vaccines), or by calling Promedica Vaccine Scheduling at **(567) 585-1900 or (567) 585-1901** (Call Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.). You will most likely get a recording when you call. **Be patient! Be persistent!** If you are disconnected, call right back. Eventually a scheduler will come on the line to help you. Set aside time to make these calls! You will not likely get through on your first try, as the call demand is high, but you will eventually get an appointment.

We hope this information helps. We pray that everyone stays healthy as we return to in-person worship.

Peace and love,  
The COVID-19 Congregational Protocol Team