

September 26, 2021

Dear Church Family,

As we said to you in July, our Regathering Team has been keeping a close eye on the Delta variant as well as infection numbers and the trends within our own state and county, and we have remained committed to the goal of keeping the church family safe. We have determined that we need to suspend in-person Sunday School (all age groups & classes) for the time being. In addition, we will cancel our churchwide picnic scheduled for September 12th.

None of these decisions has been made without much conversation and consultation within our Regathering Team as well as Sunday School leadership. We look forward to the time when we can once again gather as we have done throughout most of the summer.

Our Regathering Team has also determined that we need to return to some of the precautions that were removed earlier this summer,

Here are protocols for Sunday worship going forward. Remember, these standards will allow us to gather safely and feel comfortable to focus on worshipping our Lord together:

- **Everyone entering the sanctuary for worship can enter through main sanctuary doors, side doors near piano, or main hallway door.**
- **Masks must be worn as you enter and exit the building. Masks are available at entrances to building.**
- **Hand sanitizer will be located at the entrance for your use.**
- **Bulletins and hymns for worship are available at each entrance to sanctuary.**
- **You can remove your mask while seated in the service but we ask that you wear your mask during congregational singing.**
- **Every other pew will be marked off in order to assure safe distance between individuals and groups who have gathered to worship.**

Please remember that Sunday worship will continue to be live streamed each week. You can access the services when you're out of town or if you don't feel comfortable participating in person.

Thanks to all of you for the ways you continue to be the church, even as we are moving through challenging times together!