

In Touch

YOUR CHURCH BUILDING IS RE-OPENING MAY 17TH

Dear Friends:

Your long awaited question is answered! “When will we be together to worship again?”. The answer is simple, yet not so simple. The building will be opened and our first worship service will be held May 17, Praise the Lord (this is the simple part). The not so simple: we won’t be “church as normal”, at least not for awhile. We won’t simply open the doors and say, “come on in nothing has changed”. There isn’t enough room to go into details but let me share a few. (Note: the Management Team along with guidance from child-care helpers and Dr’s Sunil & Tricia Bhat worked together in the re-open decision). What you can expect: we ask that at least until June 14th you wear a mask. The first couple weeks there are enough masks to provide people, if you have your own, please wear it. We ask that you wear gloves, you will have to provide them. We **ESPECIALLY** ask that at least until June 14th you practice the 6 ft. social distancing with non-family members (including sitting in the pew). Fellowship before and after church is fine (catch-up & share lives) but please maintain 6 ft. No food or beverage will be served at least until after June 14th. You may want to bring snacks for your kids (and yourself!). No childcare will be provided until the Dept. of Health and Gov. Dewine re-opens childcare businesses

A lot of prayer and a long meeting (both necessary) has gone into this decision. Will everything be perfect and run perfect? Not likely, please practice patience. The question during the conference call meeting was asked: “Will we make wearing masks, gloves(protocols) mandatory, if not followed, send people home?”. The answer was: “No, we’re not going to have a COVID19 policeman”. No, we won’t ask anyone to leave, we will simply just say “ The protocols are important to us for the safety of all people”. We want **EVERYONE BACK IN CHURCH AS SOON AS POSSIBLE**, but as safe as possible too. Keep a Christ-like attitude, don’t be condescending to those who choose to stay home for a little longer, but those who stay home, don’t be condescending either to those who feel ready to return sooner than you.

In Christ’s Love Pastor Mike (and the whole Management Team)

HELP, HELP! Debbie Dean is calling all to a “deep cleaning party” this Saturday at 10:00 a.m. We need to do a thorough cleaning to prepare for opening. Bring you mask if you can. Please confirm to Debbie at: 614-735-2221