

**Greetings Everyone In The Great Name of the Lord:**

I am very happy and filled with joy to report to you that the Management Team, along with child-care leaders and Dr.'s Sunil and Tricia Bhat met via conference call on Tuesday, April 28<sup>th</sup> to explore what we would need to do and how soon we could re-open the church safely. Great news! We can re-open the building for worship May 17<sup>th</sup>. All along I have been reminding you that the church is NOT the building, the church is living & breathing people. The building is just where the church happens to meet for ministry and corporate worshipping. Many people have worked over the past month to stay in contact with all those we had contact information. This is just one reason why we need everyone's email address and phone numbers (even cell phone).

I have attached The Re-Opening plan. If you don't know how to download and attached document, call someone who does! I'm sure all of you can. As I said in the In Touch yesterday, our plan is not perfect and may need "tweaked" as we go along. Please be patient. Regarding the use of masks, using your own is encouraged, but we have enough to last awhile. I just got called yesterday, 100 additional masks were promised to us. ALSO....I want to be sensible about masks, if you sing (and I hope all do), it doesn't make sense to keep your mask over your mouth and sing, so lower it to sing! Maybe you don't want to wear it while in the pew. That's ok, but be sure you are 6 ft. or more from non-family members please! It is really important, though, to wear the mask while socializing. Regarding all the protocols, they ARE NOT mandatory, we do not want them to stop you from coming to church, but we would like you to consider the safety and comfort level of others. As I note on the attached, at least until June 14 PLEASE maintain social distance of at least 6 ft.

A couple other notes: For the time being, there will be no meeting and greeting, no passing the offering plate (plates available at doors when leaving), hand sanitizing strongly urged when you arrive, individualized communion juice and wafers, greeters will open entry doors for you.

**In Christ's Love, Pastor Mike**

## **RE-OPENING PLAN FOR THE CHURCH**

**ESTABLISHED APRIL 28, 2020**

### **PHASE ONE: May 17<sup>th</sup> – June 13<sup>th</sup>**

- **May 17<sup>th</sup> , building opened again, first worship service**
- **Protective masks supplied, some gloves may be available**
- **Non-family members asked to sit at least 6 ft. apart (social distancing)**
- **While fellowshiping before and after church please remain 6 ft. apart**
- **All persons should use hand sanitizer, provided**
- **No meeting & greeting during the service, no offering plates passed (will be at the doors on the way out), no food or beverage served**
- **Door greeters will open entry doors as people come in and go out**
- **No childcare available until Ohio Dept. Health/Gov. Dewine re-opens the public childcare facilities**
- **Only groups of 10 or less can meet that are not worship groups can meet until May 30th. External groups: Indian tutoring group, We Joy Sing, 3 dance rental groups cannot meet. (All are done for the year anyway).**
- **May 31<sup>st</sup> non worship groups of maximum of 20 can meet, social distancing of 6 ft remains**

### **PHASES TWO JUNE 14<sup>th</sup>**

- **Management Team will meet on or near June 14<sup>th</sup> to determine how and to reinstitute normal practices and non-worship group sizes**
- **Normal practices might be done in phases and not all at once**

**PLEASE NOTE: All the above protocols are for your safety and the safety of others. They are not mandatory, but we hope you try and follow them. At the minimum please practice the 6 ft. social distancing protocol. We would really like you to return to church ASAP**