

Update on Policies for Bethany

At the Thursday, January 14, 2021 Trustees meeting, it was decided to resume in-person worship on Sunday, January 24, 2021 and Wednesday Connections Bible Studies on Wednesday, January 27, 2021. We will be returning to the same policies (listed below) that were in place in December before we suspended the in-person worship. We continue to monitor what is going on in our state and community and will make changes when that is needed. Thank you for your continued support and prayers as we navigate these challenges together. It is through God's grace and the support of one another that we will continue to make it through this.

Policies for in-person worship and Bible studies:

1.We will ask people to wear their masks the entire time they are inside the building
-please have your mask cover both your nose and your mouth
-we will have extra masks upon request for those who do not have one
-to be able to communicate more clearly, those who are leading worship up front do not have to wear a mask

2.Please observe social distancing of at least 6 feet whenever possible
-please do not linger and talk with others outside your household after the services

3.Please stay at home if you:

- do not feel safe or comfortable in coming to church
 - are not feeling well, have a cold, fever, or COVID symptoms
 - are coughing for whatever reason (because of spreading droplets)
 - have been in contact with a person who has tested positive for COVID (the CDC recommends a 14-day quarantine)
 - have traveled to states that have been identified by PA as quarantine states (the CDC recommends a 14-day quarantine)
 - have had COVID - the CDC recommends that you have met all three of these conditions before attending worship:
 - a. wait ten days since symptoms first appeared, and
 - b. 24 hours with no fever without use of fever-reducing medication, and
 - c. other symptoms of COVID-19 are improving
- again, if you are still coughing, please stay home

4.Downtown Fellowship will have only one 9 AM service which will be livestreamed. We will continue to have one Traditions Service at 10:30 AM and livestream it. The services will continue to be recorded and posted to the Church Website

We know with the rise of COVID-19 cases, there is a risk in going anywhere today. We would ask you to please stay home, and watch online if possible, if you have any doubts or hesitation in attending worship in person. This is not a matter of having more or less faith whether you attend or stay home. You are not any better or poorer a Christian for coming or not coming. Each person needs to decide what is best for him or herself, and we need to respect other people's choices as to what is best for them. We also know that there are those at Bethany who are not able to attend in-person and are not able to view online. If you know of anyone who would like to have a DVD of the Traditions worship service, please let us know. Also let us know if you would be willing to help with the delivery of those DVDs.

We believe that God is still in charge. Our hope has been and will continue to be in him. Please stay connected with each other, and let us know if you have any need that we can help you with.

In service with Christ and each other,

Bethany Trustees