

## PHASE 2 GUIDELINES

As we continue to monitor the COVID-19 situation the Response Team is happy to announce that we are ready to move to Phase 2, effective September 25, 2020. We will continue to only have in-person Worship and Sanctuary Sunday School in the building, but scheduled outdoor activities using the parking lot, shelter house and playground will be permitted. Facebook and Zoom broadcasts of Worship and adult and children Sunday School will continue, as will Bible Studies, Youth Group, and Disciple I classes.

### WORSHIP & SANCTUARY SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE GUIDELINES

The following will be the guidelines for persons attending in-person worship and sanctuary Sunday school:

- You must make a pre-service reservation by calling or texting Penny Bond 317-502-5069 or Tina Mercer 317-374-8588 beginning June 29. The 9:00 a.m. service will be filled first and if needed an 11 a.m. service will be added.
- Please arrive early. Doors will be opened 20 minutes before service and locked when service begins.
- Touchless temperature scans and hand sanitizing will be done at the door. Temperature must be less than 100.4 and you must also be symptom free before entering. If you are experiencing symptoms of illness (fever, cough, sore throat, etc.), we ask that you join us via Facebook from your home.
- For your protection and others, face masks must be worn by anyone age 3 and above. Please bring your own if you have one, if not, one will be available.
- Observe social distancing staying 6-feet apart with no hand shaking, hugging or kissing.
- Please place your offering in the offering plates upon entering the sanctuary or you may continue to use online giving or mail your contribution.
- Ushers will seat you in a designated pew.
- Singing and praying in unison while continuing to wear your mask is permitted.
- The nursery is **not** available currently.

- The Cry Room is available for use by one family at-a-time.
- We will not have Jr. Church until further notice.
- Bibles and hymnals will be removed from the pews. Feel free to bring your own.
- Pews will be dismissed one at a time from the sanctuary at the end of Worship.
- If you are staying for the Adult Sunday School session, please remain seated. This session will begin immediately following the 9:00 A.M. worship service and will conclude no later than 10:45 A.M. The format will be a discussion of the scripture reading and sermon of the day and will be led on an alternating weekly schedule by Pastor Susan Nyquist and Dick Nye.
- Sunday School will be dismissed one pew at a time at the end of the session.
- When you do leave the church, please go directly to the parking lot and do not congregate.
- We will practice social distancing and mask wearing, just as in the worship service. If an 11:00 A.M. service is needed, the Response Team will be sanitizing the lobby, restrooms and entrances during Sunday School, and then the sanctuary at the conclusion of Sunday School prior to the next worship service. If enough people participate in this Phase, we will anticipate moving to an expanded Sunday School time, provided COVID-19 cases in Marion County trend down and health and city authorities ease restrictions. Our desire is to continue to move towards “normal” schedules and activities, while at the same time protecting the health and safety of all our church family. We want to do all the good we can, while at the same time, doing no harm.

### **USE OF OUTDOOR FACILITIES**

Starting on September 25, 2020, scheduled outdoor activities may be held using the parking lot, shelter house and playground areas. The following guidelines apply to these activities.

- Any event or activity must be scheduled and coordinated through the church office and with the approval of the Senior Pastor Mark Brock.

- Face masks must always be worn, if social distancing of 6 feet cannot be maintained.
- There will be no access to the building, including restrooms.
- No tables, chairs or other equipment may be taken from the building for use outside.
- Portable restroom units may or may not be provided by GSUMC. Portable restroom units may be available during the months of October and November 2020. Portable restrooms shall be cleansed and sanitized by the event coordinator and/or event participants after each event. Additional portable unit provisions will be assessed in the future.
- If the playground is used, all equipment must be cleaned and sanitized after the event is over.
- All trash must be picked up and placed in the dumpster.

“Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.”  
(Eph. 4:2-3)

Let us all endeavor to sweetly comply with all of the necessary guidelines; to refrain from a complaining spirit; to be kind and gracious to one another; and to be exceedingly glad that we have the privilege of gathering in-person together again, even if on a limited basis.

The Response Team