

4/15/2021

RE: Plans For Resuming In-Person Worship on May 23, 2021

Members of SPLC,

The SMART Team and Worship Committee have been working on plans to resume in-person worship at SPLC. Resuming in-person worship is not as simple as turning on a light switch. We must take appropriate steps to ensure our members are safe and we prevent a super-spreader event when we return to in-person worship during this time of COVID 19 pandemic.

The building must be thoroughly cleaned. Volunteer assignments must be identified and people trained to complete their tasks in a safe manner. Members must receive the information needed so they know and understand how we will conduct our in-person services under the current safety guidelines. We ask, and must insist, all members must comply with our guidelines when attending our in-person services for everyone's health and safety.

Our Pastors, Church Council Members, Committee Members and SMART Team Members will assume all the volunteer duties during the first 4 weeks of our return to in-person worship. We want to set the example for all members of SPLC. We encourage all members to sign up as volunteers during the first 4 weeks so that starting on week 5 of our return to in-person worship they too can serve SPLC. We ask that you call the church office and Kathleen will enter your name for the position on the date you wish to serve.

We are starting a new volunteer procedure using Google. A Google link is being prepared and tested. This link leads to a document that lists all the opportunities to serve and dates of our in-person services. Listed are: Greeters, Ushers, Lesson Readers, Communion Helpers, Power Point Clickers and Video Recording Operators. At the start we ask volunteers to call Kathleen at the church office who will sign them up for the position and date they request. Eventually, she will send a link directly to those volunteers and they will connect, through Google, and enter their own information on the form for the date they want to serve.

Attached to this notice are copies of the SMART Team plans to prepare SPLC for our in-person worship on 5/23/2021. Also, we have a copy of the Volunteer for Service sign up form. Please review them as part of your preparation to participate in our in-person services.

We look forward to seeing all of you back at SPLC when we return to in-person service. We also look forward to that day when all restrictions will be removed and we will have truly safe and open services at SPLC.

Merritt Heaney

Chair Worship Committee, Member SMART Team.