

Re-Gathering Parameters and Protocols for Summer 2020

*NOTE: This document is fluid and pertains specifically to the month of June.
This document will be evaluated and adapted as we continue through the summer.*

We have a plan in place to begin indoor services on Sunday, June 14th and an outdoor service beginning that same day. The indoor service will begin at 8:00 am. The outdoor service will begin at 10:00 am.

Churches are considered essential services in PA. Churches are advised to follow all guidelines for precautionary measures and limit capacity to under 50%.

The PA Secretary of Health says there are no specific requirements that churches cannot meet and advises to keep all safety orders. We are doing our best to comply with those orders.

This does not mean you have to come to church. We strongly recommend those with existing health conditions and in high risk groups continue to watch the service online. Though we cannot guarantee a risk free environment, the elders, deacons, and cleaning teams are taking extreme care in making sure the church is a safe place for you to be. To that end, below are some of the guidelines that are being put into place.

Parameters and Protocols for Sunday Morning Indoor Service

Note: Initially, the indoor service will coincide with the regular recordings our tech and music ministry teams have been doing each and every week. Because each element is recorded separately there will be moments where the flow will not be as seamless as a typical Sunday service.

Entering and Exiting:

Main lobby entrance doors at the portico and the infant nursery will be the only unlocked entrance doors into the facility. These doors will be propped open. There will be no reason for attendees to touch door handles.

If you desire to congregate please do so outside the building before and after the service and not in the lobby or any other part of the building.

Masks:

Masks should be worn while you are entering and leaving the church. If you are comfortable with taking your mask off after being seated, you have that option.

If for medical or personal reasons you do not wear a mask, we ask that you refrain from attending the indoor service until further restrictions have been lifted.

Note: Please bring your own mask.

Seating:

Seating will be limited to 50 people with the hope of gradually increasing that limit as we evaluate and progress through the summer.

Seating can only be reserved through the Breeze online portal. The link to this sign up will be a part of each week's MBC E-News. Each week on Breeze you will be able to see the maximum seating capacity for the following Sunday. For the present time we are asking that an individual must be at least going into the 7th grade in order to attend the indoor service.

Auditorium chairs will be placed strategically as to allow for appropriate distancing. Ushers will assist you if there are any questions on safe distancing.

If desired, families may pull chairs closer together while maintaining the standard six feet distance from others.

The auditorium doors will be propped open at the beginning and at the end of the service. After the service begins please allow only the usher to open the doors for you.

Sanitizing:

For your convenience and safety, hand sanitizer will be provided in the main lobby as you enter and exit.

As an extra measure of safety, cleaning crews will be on hand throughout the service to sanitize critical surfaces, including restrooms.

Restrooms:

One men's and one women's restroom will be available. These are located across from the infant nursery.

Areas that will be closed:

The corridor leading to the fellowship hall, children's classrooms and basement will be closed off.

All nurseries will also be inaccessible until further notice.

Parameters and Protocol for Outdoor Services

Note: The outdoor service will take place on the grass near the playground. A temporary stage will be placed out on the lawn. Each Sunday morning, the individual who preached the early (indoor service) for the week will also preach at the outdoor service. The music will have a very simple setup with one or two people leading in congregational singing. The words will be emailed out a few days prior to the service so that they can be printed off, or so that they can be viewed on a mobile device.

Masks:

Masks are not required at this service.

If you are concerned that others are not wearing masks, then we recommend signing up for the indoor service or continue to watch the service online.

Seating:

Seating will not be limited.

While masks are not required, the standard six feet distancing should still be maintained.

Bring your own blanket and/or lawn chair.

A private FM channel will be provided for those who desire to sit in their vehicle and listen through their radio.

Sanitizing:

There will be no outdoor hand sanitizing stations.

Restrooms:

One men's and one women's restroom will be available in the main facility. These are located across from the infant nursery and can only be accessed through the front left auditorium doors (signs will direct you) leading to the back deck/playground area. This door will stay propped open.

All other main facility doors will be locked.

An adult, or other parental approved individual, must escort a minor using the restrooms.

Areas that will be closed:

All buildings will be inaccessible, except for the restrooms in the main facility, as mentioned above.

Both playgrounds will be closed.

Cancellation notification:

If inclement weather forces us to cancel the outdoor service, notification will be sent by 7:30 am on that morning. Communication will be through email, text, and the church website. There will be no announcements made through television stations, radio stations, or radio station websites.