

## **Trinity United Church - Lansford COVID-19 Re-opening Plan**

- I. **Tentative Date to reopen for worship – June 7, 2020 (10:30am worship service)**
  
- II. **Guidelines for inside worship**
  - A. Proper Signage will be posted explaining protocol for worship
    1. On all exterior doors
    2. Bathroom Doors
    3. Kitchen Door
    4. Sanctuary Doors
  - B. Prior to Worship
    1. All pews, doors, all surfaces in the sanctuary, the bathrooms, etc must be disinfected.
    2. All hymnals, activity bags, etc must be removed from the sanctuary.
    3. Pew Pads should be removed for the time being as well.
    4. Hand sanitizer will be placed in the back of the sanctuary as well as up on the altar.
  - C. General
    1. We will not be using bulletins
    2. We will not be sharing the peace or greeting one another in Christian fellowship.
    3. Offering plates will not be passed – they will be placed in the back of the sanctuary where people will walk by as they are coming in and going out.
  - D. Seating
    1. Every other pew will be blocked off with painters tape.
    2. Only people from the same household can sit in a pew.
    3. Children need to sit with their parents.
  - E. Masks
    1. Masks will be optional
    2. If a person would like to sing (if we sing), we ask that a mask be worn for singing.
  - F. Entering and Exiting
    1. Entering: Outside door will be propped before people arrive. Sanctuary doors will be propped open like they normally are. When entering the sanctuary – people are asked to go directly to a pew and not to stop and socialize along the way.
    2. Exiting: We will dismiss by having the last pew leave first, the next to last pew will go next, and so on. Pastor will not greet at the door.
    3. People will be encouraged to have fellowship outside following social distancing guidelines.
  - G. Communion

1. Pastor will be the only person serving communion.
2. She will wear a mask and gloves during that time.
3. Communion will be served one household unit at a time.
4. We will not be kneeling at the altar rail. We will use continuous communion. The next household can come to the front once the previous household has left the front.
5. The wafer will be dropped into the person's hand
6. Cups will be spread out enough on the tray so that a person will not be touching another cup when grabbing a cup.
7. Cups will be disposed into a basket as the household unit leaves communion.
8. We will tentatively only have communion on the first Sunday of the month until guidelines are lessened.

### **III. Guidelines for outside worship.**

#### **A. Seating**

1. People will be encouraged to bring their own chairs.
2. We will have a few chairs available for those who forget or do not have chairs.
3. Household units are encouraged to sit at least 6 feet apart.
4. People are welcome to worship from their cars with their windows down if they would like.

#### **B. Worship Set Up**

1. Sound System will be set up on the sidewalk leading to the front door.
2. There will be bulletins with the whole service printed in them.
  - a. Pastor will hand these out prior to the worship starting.
3. There will offering plates set out on the a table for people to access.
4. Communion will be set up on a table and will be served the same as above. (Pastor can bring to people if needed as well)

#### **C. Masks**

1. Masks are optional but encouraged during singing.

#### **D. Access to the building**

1. Bathrooms – can be used only if absolutely necessary.
2. No other access to the building is allowed
  - a. Exceptions are Pastor, Darlene, those helping clean, those counting money.

### **IV. Online worship will continue to be posted each week**