

The Community Church of Wurtsboro

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Community Church of Wurtsboro Family

Grace and Peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

It has been three months since the last time we worshipped together in person. As I sit here writing this letter thinking back over the past three months, we have been on quite a journey. We had to find a new way to worship God together as a church community. And we did that. We found a way to be the church outside the walls of a building. And we found a way thanks to our volunteer's commitment to our Food Pantry to continue the important ministry of providing food for the needy.

As our state begins the slow process of reopening, the Consistory too has prayerfully discerned the next steps our church can take in reopening for in-person worship. Our daily lives still require us to take precautions in order to protect one another amid this pandemic. With that in mind the Consistory has decided to move forward with our re-opening plan.

Starting on July 5, 2020 we will begin in-person worship. It has been decided that we will continue to offer virtual services for those who are not yet ready for in-person worship. It has also been decided that we will not reopen the sanctuary at this time. In order to properly social distance from one another and not exclude anyone from in-person worship, we will use fellowship hall for services. In addition to meeting in the fellowship hall we are putting in place the following safety guidelines.

- **We ask if you are sick to please stay home and participate virtually.**

(This includes being exposed to someone with the virus, having signs of illness such as cough or fever, or major travel where you might have been at risk).

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- Temperatures will be taken before you enter the building.
- All persons must wear masks when leaving and entering the building. People should stay 6 feet apart. When a person is 6 feet apart and stationary, they may choose to remove their mask.
- There will be no Bibles or Hymnals available to use all material will be provided for you.
- When we serve communion we will be using prepackaged communion cups with the bread all in one sealed container.
- Hand Sanitizer will be available for use before and after the service.
- We will not be singing hymns at this time. In order to do this, we would have to spread out fifteen to twenty feet apart to do so.
- Offering plates will not be passed around but will be located in one place for you to put your offering in.
- When coming in to the building you will use the fellowship door with the handi-cap ramp. (Food Pantry door)
- There will be no physical passing of the peace
- There will be no fellowship hour afterwards.
- People will be dismissed row by row.
- The fellowship hall will be cleaned weekly prior to our next service.

As always if you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me or any member of consistory.

Yours in Christ



Michael Carter-VP Consistory

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