**10-16-2020 Updated Covid-19 plan for worship and groups:**

In order to provide the greatest participation possible for everyone, while following stringent safety procedures, the following is our simplified plan for worship, small groups, and non-CLUMC groups.

As always, those who are most vulnerable to the virus, and/or those who feel most comfortable at home, are encouraged to remain online for worship and for small groups. We offer in-person worship and groups for those who feel comfortable participating, and who understand the increased risk of attending in-person events.

1. We will continue to offer online worship at 8:30 and 10:45.
2. We will offer in-person worship at 8:30 and 10:45, with the following safety guidelines:
* *Temperatures will be taken onsite for everyone before coming to worship or groups.*
* *Masks are required while indoors for anyone aged 5 or older, including worship leaders, at all times. Masks are encouraged while outdoors, unless people are able to consistently stay at least 6 feet apart.*
* *Frequent hand sanitizing or hand washing is encouraged.*
* *Social distancing (6 feet apart or more) will be used, whether indoors or outdoors.*
* *We will be able to enjoy coffee if people replace their masks between each sip.*
* *Maximum capacity in our sanctuary during the pandemic is 50 people. Socially distanced overflow seating will be provided, when needed 1) in coffee room, 2) in entry/welcome area, and 3) if needed, in the Christian Life Center.*
* *Sanctuary, bathrooms, and all other areas where people have been will be sanitized between services*
1. Small groups will be provided online.
2. Some small groups will be offered in-person. Safety guidelines (above) apply.
3. Individually packaged finger food snacks that can be eaten by briefly removing mask (only long enough for one bite) will be allowed for children’s and youth gatherings only. This will be monitored and eliminated if mask guidelines not followed.
4. If we struggle to have enough volunteers, we will return to offering groups and/or worship online only. (We will ask for volunteers, but “no” is always respected. We are not going to pressure anyone to volunteer, as we want to respect others’ safety and comfort level and encourage anyone who feels more comfortable at home, to stay home.)
5. For contact tracing purposes, staff and small group leaders will take attendance during each gathering and turn attendance in to the office afterward.
6. Non-CLUMC groups that number 20 or smaller will be allowed to use our indoor facilities, upon approval by the lead pastor. They are required to follow our safety guidelines while on our campus, and to sanitize with the provided sanitizing spray when they are finished.
7. For worship/groups/church office: In the case of staff illness or quarantine, and substitutes are unavailable, we will move that service or group online until we are able to resume in-person.
8. If the Rapid City Area Schools go to level 3 (online only instruction for students) all of our groups and worship will be held online only, and any outside groups will discontinue use of our facility.
* When the school district goes back to level 2 (or 1) from level 3, we will resume in-person activities, if & when we have the staff/leadership to do so.