



“RE-ENTRY” is the new catch phrase being used as the church begins to consider the challenges of coming back together as a faith community. In Iowa, each United Methodist local church has been tasked to put together a “Re-Entry Team” to consider, plan,

and implement the re-opening of our churches.

As you have observed in watching the events of the world since the epidemic began, each country, state, county, city and town is different in its make-up and how the virus is affecting people. Our governor has recognized this as well as our bishop and are providing guidelines accordingly. Here at Red Oak First we have put together a “Re-Entry Team.” The team is made up of our Safety Team, Trustees, and members who are health care professionals. This team will be guiding our church’s return to full operation.

Because this is all new territory and no one of us has dealt with or led an organization through a situation like this, we will learn-as-we go. As we consider government regulations, public health guidelines, suggestions from the annual conference/bishop’s office, and the expertise of our own health professionals, we will be opening the church back up in phases rather than all at once.

Since June 7th we started 10:30 Worship Service. Our fall activities are resuming with Sunday School, Bible Studies, Choir, and a monthly Meeting with the Pastor. Nursery has also resumed for the 10:30am Service. Thanks to everyone for doing your part in helping us keep safe and experience God in Church.

Thank you for your prayers & your patience,
Pastor Eric & The “Re-Entry” Team