

Mexico First UMC Guidelines for Indoor Worship

October 29, 2020

As we gather to worship God together, our primary goal is to keep people safe. Scientists are continuing to learn more about the COVID-19 virus which is causing public health regulations to change. We will adjust these guidelines and our protocols as applicable.

We realize that some may not be comfortable attending and will continue to offer weekly online worship.

Indoor worship will be held only on the first and third Sunday of each month.

The most important things you can bring to our gatherings is patience, flexibility, and a willingness to follow the guidelines based on NY State and UNY Conference requirements.

- Attendees are required to maintain social distancing of 6-feet at all times, including walking to or from your vehicle and while waiting to be seated.
- Attendees are required to wear masks at all times.
- Our Sunday morning service will begin promptly at 10:00 a.m. in fellowship hall. Please use the door from the parking lot, which will be unlocked at 9:45.
- When you arrive, we will be recording attendance, taking temperatures, and asking people to respond to three questions. (1) Have you had covid symptoms in the past 14 days? (2) Have you tested positive for covid in the past 14 days? (3) Have you come in close contact with a confirmed or suspected covid case in the past 14 days?
- If you answer yes to any of the questions or your temperature is higher than 100 degrees, you will be asked to leave. Please be cooperative if this occurs.
- If you feel ill or even suspect you are not well on Sunday morning, please stay home.
- After you have checked in, an usher will escort you to a designated spot. Only family units may sit together.
- The chairs have been carefully placed to maintain social distancing. Please do not move them.
- Services will be no more than 30 minutes in length. While we will have some instrumental music, there will be no congregational singing.
- Please immediately leave the building when service has concluded.
- A container will be available to deposit your offering when you arrive or depart. We will not be passing offering plates during the service. You may continue to mail your tithes and offerings to the church at PO Box 255, Mexico, NY 13114
- Only fellowship hall and the adjoining bathroom will be open. Please do not go anywhere else in the church building for any reason.
- Thank you for your cooperation during this challenging time.