

Introduction

September 20th will be the start date for our in-person worship services.

The service will be live streamed provided that the equipment is ready. If it is not ready the service will be recorded and posted online later that day. Live streaming will accommodate people who are not comfortable gathering in person or cannot do so due to their risk of Covid-19 complications.

We will start with a **thirty-person capacity** (not including the pastor, musicians, tech team and greeters). We will re-evaluate our capacity during the last week of October. We'll consider increasing the capacity to 40 in November and 50 in December.

We will set up a few pews for unexpected guests so that we can welcome people in the community who want to check out our church.

We will celebrate communion on the first and third Sundays of the month. This will prevent over-stressing our volunteers.

Each Tuesday we will send out an e-mail blast with a signup sheet for the upcoming Sunday. It will include a consent clause to explain the reason for the signup and a note saying we need the responses by Thursday. Our administrator will keep a record of the names for two weeks for the purpose of AHS contact tracing in the case of an outbreak.

For people without Internet access we will have a "buddy system". They will be connected with someone with whom they can attend. We will recommend that people choose two Sundays a month to worship in person so we do not exceed our capacity.

If people 65 or older with a greater risk of severe disease are not comfortable worshipping with the rest of the congregation, we can offer a separate time for worship. This could be mid-week or a second Sunday service.