

Regather Frequently Asked Questions

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Why are we not waiting until Phase 6 to reopen the church?

The Elders and the Pastors were hoping for a quicker arrival of phase 6. We have been praying for God's wisdom over the past four months, that He would bring us to a complete, unified decision regarding the safest time and method for bringing His people, the Church, back together for worship. Our studies, led by those who have researched every angle of Covid-19 and its effect on Isabella and Gratiot Counties, have led us to the decision, that if we follow the recommended guidelines and lovingly respect one-another, we can safely open in the current phase.

How many services will there be and at what time?

9:00am & 11:00am at the Mt. Pleasant Campus
10:30am at the Alma Campus

Will the service still be online at 10:15am?

The service will continue to be online in its entirety, however the time will **change to now being live from the Mount Pleasant Campus at 11am.**

Will we have to wear a mask when we come to church?

All staff and volunteers are required to wear masks
Those speaking and/or leading worship will not be wearing masks
Out of deference to our brothers and sisters who are concerned about exposure, we are asking that attenders strongly consider wearing a mask

What if someone forgets their mask?

We will have masks available for those who did not bring one

What measures are being taken to clean the building for Sunday services?

Full cleaning of Auditorium, Chapel, bathrooms, and lobby prior to services.
Additional cleaning of the above between the two services on Sunday.

How many people will be in the auditorium for worship each service?

50% capacity in auditorium and in chapel (approx. 250 Auditorium-50 Chapel)

How will you know how many are coming to a particular service?

It will be beneficial if you **RSVP online which service you will attend.**

If you arrive at 9:00am and we are at capacity, please come to the

11:00am service, or worship with us online at 11am

How will the seating be arranged?

Families may sit together as there will be no child care or KidLife

Social distancing will be established with the chair setup

Ushers will assist people to the appropriate seats

What are some of the adjustments we will encounter with this new arrangement?

There will be **no child care, KidLife or Bridge 56 yet**

There will be hand sanitizer containers at the Auditorium Entrances

There will be deposit boxes for any offerings as we will not collect an offering by passing the plate/bag around during service.

When Communion is served it will be in self-contained, sealed packets.

Our wonderful greeters will not shake your hand or hug you, but they do love you!

How long can we stay and fellowship with those we have missed all these months?

We will be sanitizing the building between services. To accomplish that,

We will be dismissing the service in a systematic manner to avoid crowds

We ask that you exit the auditorium and lobby quickly

You are welcome to fellowship outside but please clear the Auditorium Entrance

What other major items should I be aware of for our reopening?

Our Crisis Response Team will be available for anyone who has a difficulty or health concern

If you have any symptoms of illness, please worship with us online

If you become ill while at a service, please tell the Crisis Response Team

What are the biggest tradeoffs we will all have to make?

No bulletins, No hugging, No handshakes, No coffee, No donuts for now!!!