

Covid-19 Congregational Update  
Reopening Plans  
7/14/2020

Dear Main Street Church family & friends,

As previously communicated, our Administrative Council has set Sunday, August 2, 2020 as a tentative date for reopening. Whether we are able to open then, or at a later date, we will need your help!

**What we need from you to help us open:**

- We must establish a cleaning team to help sanitize before and after gathering. This team will wipe down chairs, doors, door handles, and other high touch areas before and after services. **If you are willing and able to help, please reach out to our Administrative Council.** We cannot re-open unless we have a sanitization team in place.

The Administrative Council will meet again on Thursday, July 30 to review progress and determine if we are on schedule to move forward. This will include a review of the COVID-19 pandemic situation along with CDC, MDH, and Minnesota Annual Conference of UMC recommendations. During this season please keep in mind, we are on virus time, not our time. Also, all plans to reopen are subject to change based on the current and changing conditions within our church and community.

We continue to lead holding to the three simple rules that guide us as United Methodists: We are a people that do no harm, do all the good we can, and we stay in love with God and neighbor. Here are the steps we are pursuing after our latest meeting on July 9th:

- We are finalizing protocols that follow the Minnesota Department of Health and CDC guidelines in accordance with the COVID Preparedness and Facility use guidelines required by Governor Tim Walz. We expect to have this completed by 7/30.
- We have ordered two sanitizing stations for the east and west entrance. These are expected to arrive by 7/30.
- We are investigating purchase of a cold sprayer and disinfectant to be used following services. This is expected to be completed by 7/30.
- We are ordering additional sanitizer bottles, sanitizing wipes, and spray bottles to assist with the cleaning process before and after use. This is expected to be completed by 7/30.
- We are following up with our Insurance Carrier to make sure we are covered in the unfortunate event that COVID-19 is transmitted at Main Street Church. This is expected to be completed by 7/30.

- As we seek to maintain the quality of both in-person and online service, we have ordered a new worship computer and software. This is expected to be completed by 7/24.
- We received a Dare to Reach Grant from the Minnesota Annual Conference for an additional camera and camera link device to aide in recording our worship. This is expected be completed by 7/24.
- We are setting up a sign-in process with Eventbrite to help track all guests who attend service on Sunday mornings. This is expected to be completed by 7/30.

We would like to thank you for your patience and prayers as we discuss, pray, and discern where God is leading us next. Please continue to pray for our community. Now is an opportunity for us to be the church whether we are meeting in a building together or not.

In Christ,

Administrative Council

Dave Kalina, Adam Trampe, Brad Brunet, Julie Brunet, Wally Heidelberger, Debi Grover, Rebecca Rakow, Pastor Ralph Holbrook