

## **Guidelines for Return to In-Person Worship**

June 27, 2021

- Face coverings will be worn at all times in the church building. This allows for singing and responsive reading of the liturgies.
- Seating will be marked off for social distancing. Please sit with family or pod groups.
- Hand sanitizer will be provided at the entrance of the sanctuary. It is recommended that everyone use hand sanitizer upon entering the sanctuary.
- Only the sanctuary is open at this time, however the two first-floor bathrooms will be available before, during and after worship. Directions to these bathrooms will be clearly marked.
- No (physical) congregational greetings will be exchanged during the service.
- Everyone will enter and exit the church through main doors (at the front of the sanctuary) only.
- At the end of the service, ushers will dismiss by rows from back to front.
- There will be no social gatherings inside the sanctuary before or after worship. These will take place in the churchyard. (We will consider serving some sort of refreshments on the church lawn to encourage fellowship there).
- There will be some chaos as our country continues to move out of pandemic mode and returns to normalcy. As Christians we have determined to honor our weaker, more vulnerable brothers and sisters, many of whom are our children and grandchildren (1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 12:14-26), and to do unto others what we would like others to do unto us (Matthew 7:12). Your Board adopted these guidelines on May 25, 2021, knowing that the standards adopted herein are a moving target. They may be outdated even before they are implemented the first time on June 27, 2021 when we return to indoor worship. Therefore, the Board will continue to review these standards and do everything possible to balance guidance received from the CDC, the state of North Carolina, and the Provincial Elders Conference of the Moravian Church in America, Southern Province with the needs of our local congregation.

Respectfully Submitted,

The Fries Memorial Moravian Church Board