

# Chesterbrook UMC

## Healthy Church Team (HCT)

### Reopening Plan

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#### Outdoor Worship

CUMC will hold worship service in the back of the Education Building (weather permitting). The tentative schedule is to hold one service in August 2020, up to two in both September and October. The first service in August will be limited to no more than 25 healthy individuals who can stand for the entire service, with the potential of increasing participants slightly for the later months. We are currently planning on capping the maximum number at 50. (Our future in-person indoor service is planned to be in the gym, which has a maximum seating capacity of 355 people. Maintaining social distancing and calculating square footage, we will set the number to 100 people at most.)

Service the day of would be weather permitting, factoring conditions on the ground (e.g. whether the fields are muddy from rain the previous day(s)). Outdoor service will have a “rain date,” in the case of inclement weather or ground conditions.

Every in-person worship service will be an all-church worship. (i.e. youth, children and nursery services will not be offered).

Online worship would continue for those who could not attend outdoor worship in person. Service will be pre-recorded and played during the normal Sunday morning time.

- All attendees will be required to wear masks and practice social distancing.
- The pastor will wear a mask.
- Only registered attendees will be allowed to participate in the service.
- There will be no singing. We will play a prerecorded worship song for people to listen and meditate on.
- Holy Communion will be conducted in the following manner:
  - Communion table will be at least 10 feet away from the congregation. The table will be prepared by two people wearing masks and gloves (preferably from the same household).
  - For visible presentation, we will use a loaf of bread and cup, but will not be distributed to the worshippers.

- Elements will be pre-packaged and placed on the communion table during the service and liturgy. We are currently looking at the following for the pre-packaged elements:
  - <https://www.concordiasupply.com/TrueVine-Prefilled-Communion-Chalice-Cups-Bread-Juice-Sets-50>
- Presider/Pastor will wear a mask and gloves.
- Worshippers will be invited to practice good hand hygiene.
- Worshippers will be invited to partake of the elements once they are in their vehicles, where they can safely remove their masks and dispose of the packages at their homes.
- Offering will not be collected. We collect offering online.
- No bulletins or any form of handouts will be provided.
- Lyrics, liturgy, bulletins, etc will be accessed via email and/or website.
- Pastor Daniel will be the only one to use the portable speaker and microphone.
- Worship service will be 30 minutes long.
- Greeters will stand from a distance to guide people from parking lot to the outdoor worship space.
- Bathrooms will not be open for use.
- No seating will be provided and the first service will be a standing only service, with socially distanced at least 6 feet apart but 10 feet recommended. In subsequent services, we will make an invitation for people to bring their own lawn chairs, portable seating, and blankets as they need (no sharing with people outside households).

The first outdoor in-person worship is tentatively set for August 30 at 9:00 AM.