

St. John's United Church of Christ – COVID-19 Plan

Revised March 29, 2022

Since March of 2020, St. John's UCC has adopted a proactive and measured response to the COVID-19 outbreak. As coronavirus moves from a pandemic illness to an endemic illness (meaning, something that we will continue to live with, similar to the influenza virus), it is appropriate to review and revise our Phased Regathering Plan.

Both the Regathering Team and Consistory feel that a phased plan is no longer necessary in light of current public health guidelines both from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the Pennsylvania Department of Health.

Our love and concern for one another is a priority for our church. We ask that you exercise good judgment regarding participating in church activities.

The following guidelines remain in place:

Worship Services

- We encourage you to respect the needs of our most vulnerable members and visitors.
- Masking is now optional. If you feel more comfortable wearing a mask, masks are provided. Hand sanitizer is also available.
- Communion by intinction will resume on Easter Sunday, April 17, 2022. Pre-packaged elements are also available for use.
- We encourage the use of multiple forms of giving, including mailing offering, electronic giving thru Vanco, or electronic fund transfers (EFTs). Your generosity and support of our mission and ministry are greatly appreciated.
- Worship services are offered in-person. Those services which are held in the Sanctuary will be livestreamed on YouTube. The livestream link is located on our church website.

Nursery School

- The Nursery School will follow the schedule and guidelines from the CASD.
- The Nursery School Ministry will make additional decisions about the operations of SJNS.

In-Person Guidelines

- Organizers of in-person meetings must coordinate building access through the church office.
- Rooms must be reserved through the church office.
- When in-person gatherings take place the following guidelines should be followed:
 - Sanitize hands after entering the room
 - Sanitize the tables and chairs
 - Offer an alternative attendance option for persons not comfortable or unable to attend in person (Zoom, phone, etc.)