

WELCOME BACK TO WORSHIP

REOPENING CHURCH GUIDELINES



DEVELOPED AND APPROVED BY FUMC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

These guidelines will be reviewed regularly and revised based on updated information. As we move through launch phases, new guidelines will be developed and communicated.

AT A GLANCE

We are welcoming our congregation back for in-person worship starting Sunday, June 21. This guide will help you be ready for our grand reopening.

Below is a digest of everything you'll need to know before arriving on that first Sunday. The following pages will go into detail about these points.

What to know before you arrive (page 3)

- Virtual Worship is still going on.
- Service times have changed.
- We recommend, but do not require, that you wear a mask.
- Services will be BYOB (Bring Your Own Bible).
- You may want to bring a cushion.
- Your usual spot may not be available.

Entering the sanctuary (page 4)

- Our single point of entry will be the front doors on Fifth Avenue.
- Entry accommodations for those with disabilities will be provided.
- Doors open 15 minutes before the service begins.
- We will be recording the entrance to help us track attendance

Getting seated (page 5)

- You will not receive a paper bulletin.
- Offerings will be collected at the entrances.
- Follow the tape.
- Mind other guests.

During the service (page 6)

- The number of people singing will be limited.
- There will be no greeting time.
- Communion will be distributed more safely.
- Follow CDC guidelines when sneezing or coughing.
- We will still be having Children's Church and Sunday School (page 7)
- When the service ends, we will be dismissing the sanctuary by rows (page 8)

After the service and beyond (page 9)

- Select rooms will be open for scheduled small group gatherings.
- We are able to hold special services upon request.
- We are holding a variety of in-person and online events throughout the week.

BEFORE YOU ARRIVE

We're delighted to invite you back into our sanctuary to worship with us as you always have! Before you arrive, there are a few things we want you to know:

Virtual Worship is still going on. If you are sick, uncomfortable with attending in person, or simply can't make it, we livestream our Contemporary and Traditional services on YouTube. Search for our YouTube channel, **FUMC MtDora**, or visit our website (mtdorafumc.org) to catch the livestream or watch past services.

Service times have changed. We will still have the same three services, but to give our sanitation teams plenty of time to thoroughly disinfect the sanctuary, they will begin and end at new times:

- Early Traditional Service: 8:00 to 8:45am
- Contemporary Service: 9:30 to 10:15am
- Late Traditional Service: 11:00 to 11:45am

We recommend, but do not require, that you bring a mask. Masks will not be provided. If you are sick or may have been exposed to COVID-19, we politely ask that you attend church virtually until you are feeling well.

Services will be BYOB (Bring Your Own Bible). For sanitary reasons, we have removed the Bibles, hymnals, pens, and other loose items from each pew. Verses and hymns will be displayed on the screen for those who do not have one handy.

You may want to bring a cushion. For sanitary reasons, we have removed the cushions from each pew.

Your usual spot may not be available. To maintain social distancing, we have opened every other pew and marked off appropriate seating distances with tape. We've included a map of the seating arrangement to help you prepare.

These guidelines are temporary. We look forward to getting back to what we've always known. Until then, let's stay focused on what really matters: growing the faith of individuals, worshiping with purpose, and loving extravagantly.

ENTERING THE SANCTUARY

Current guidelines encourage us to use a single point of entry to minimize the spread of germs.

Our single point of entry will be the front doors on Fifth Avenue. All other doors will be closed. We suggest using the front parking lot on the other side of Fifth Avenue.

Accommodations for those with disabilities: The west transept and west parking lot are fully wheelchair-accessible. Only guests with disabilities and their families/caregivers will be permitted to enter this way.

Hand sanitizer will be available at each entrance.

Doors open 15 minutes before the service begins. We will keep the doors closed until then so our sanitation teams have time to thoroughly clean the sanctuary.

We will be video recording the front entrance to help us track attendance. We want to keep a confidential record of who was at each service, just in case an emergency arises.



GETTING SEATED

Here's what you need to know about the new sanctuary setup – and how that might impact where and how you sit.

You will not receive a paper bulletin, as paper products are currently not permitted. Announcements will be posted online and displayed on screen before the service.

Offerings will be collected at the entrances. There will be three special deposit boxes where you can drop your donation. Pens and envelopes will not be in the pews.

Follow the tape. We have marked six foot intervals and safe seating distances with tape and signs. To maintain social distancing, please follow these guidelines as you seat yourself. See the map below for an idea of what that will look like. (Note: Family members may sit together without social distancing.)

Mind other guests. If you are the first person in a pew, please choose the seat closest to the wall so other guests don't have to scoot past you and violate social distancing.

In the event of overflow attendance, we will direct guests to Sanctuary Hall, where the service will be sent by video.

SEATING MAP



DURING THE SERVICE

We are thrilled to offer the same service styles you have come to enjoy. We will worship together, pray together, and Pastor Gary will preach as he always has. Below are the differences you will notice:

The number of people singing will be limited. Only worship leaders are permitted to sing aloud, and the Late Traditional service will not feature our choir for a time. The organ/piano and the Praise Team will be allowed within safe guidelines.

There will be no greeting time. To maintain social distancing, we ask that everyone remain in their seats unless they must leave the sanctuary.

Communion will be distributed with new safety procedures. Ushers will distribute self-contained packets to ensure that you are the only one physically touching your communion items.

Follow CDC guidelines when sneezing or coughing. If your cough persists, we ask that you leave the sanctuary until it subsides.

WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH OUR CHILDREN?

While we were closed, every room in the children's wing was deep-cleaned, and every toy and surface was sanitized. As always, children will have the choice of staying in worship with their families or participating in our children's ministry.

During the Contemporary service, infants, toddlers, and preschool children are in room 100 for the entire service. School age children will begin in worship and then leave for Children's Church in room 102.

During the Late Traditional service, infants, toddlers, and preschool children are in room 100 for the entire service. School age children have Sunday School in room 103 for the entire service.

We make every effort to keep children clean and safe:

- The children will wash their hands or use hand sanitizer when they enter the room and between activities.
- Masks or bandannas will be available for each child.
- The children will be spread out at the tables.
- Activities will promote social distancing.
- Toys and materials that are used are placed in a special bin for cleaning.

Staff and volunteers sanitize each room before and after each service:

- All staff and volunteers wash their hands.
- Tables, chairs, door knobs, bathroom handles and toilet seats are sanitized.
- Masks and bandannas are washed.
- Toys and materials that were used are sanitized.

EXITING THE SANCTUARY

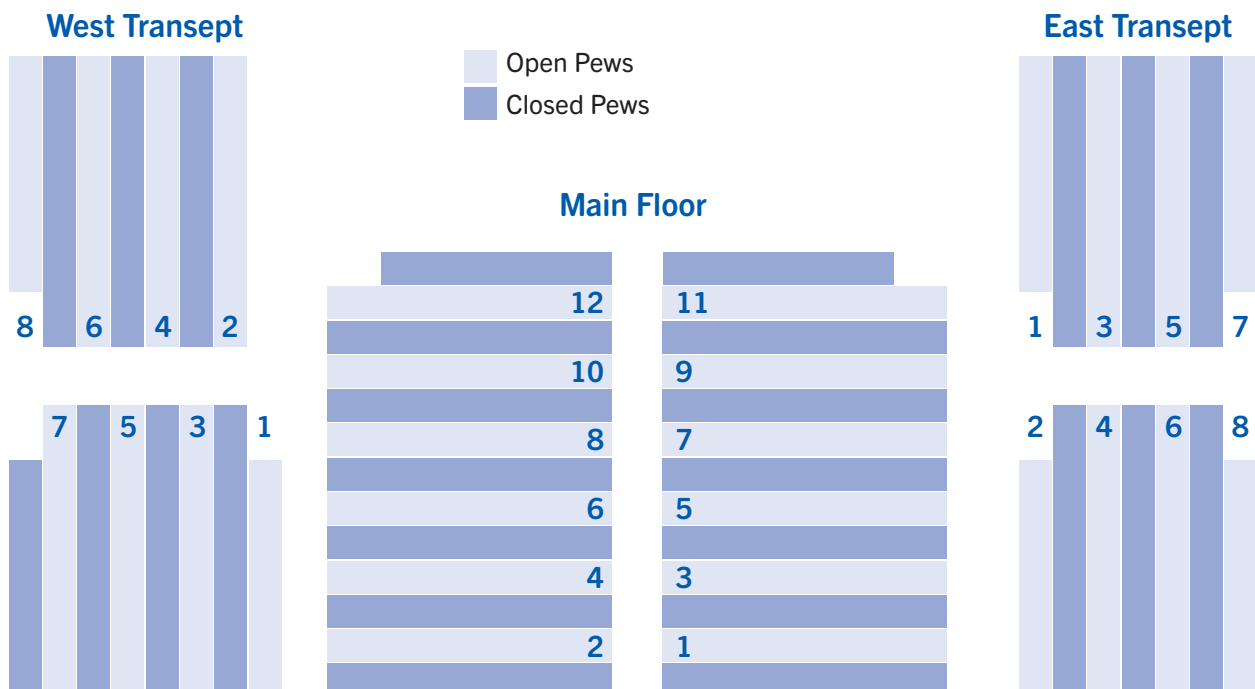
In much the same way as we take turns receiving communion in an orderly fashion, we will also exit the sanctuary by rows.

Once the service ends, ushers will facilitate your exit in the following order (see the map below for a visual representation):

- **Center Sanctuary:** We will begin with the back row, east side. Once this row has completely exited, we will alternate west and east side, from back to front.
- **West Transept:** We will release from front to back. Guests with disabilities can exit through the west entrance.
- **East Transept:** We will release from front to back.

Pastor Gary will be standing outside on the walkway to greet guests, but he will not be able to shake hands. Please remember to practice social distancing.

EXITING MAP



THROUGHOUT THE WEEK

Church isn't just on Sundays. As always, we will be busy on other days, in different ways, and we'll be here if you need us.

We are able to hold special services upon request, such as baptisms, weddings, or funerals. Members needing these services must coordinate with the church to assure adopted guidelines are followed.

Our facilities will be open for scheduled small group gatherings throughout the summer, including day camp and small group activities for youth and children. Visit the website for details on these and other events:

- Exercise Group (Room 103)
- Children's Ministry (Friendship Hall)
- Sports Camp for Children (Friendship Hall and Outdoors; June 22–26)
- Youth Small Groups (Friendship Hall and off-campus locations)
- Worship Arts Camp for Children (Friendship Hall, July 20–24)