

Re-opening Committee / Recommended Protocol

Registration:

Initial opening worship services will allow seating for 25% of the capacity seating of 550. This will allow for 130 congregants to be seated and practice the use of social distancing protocols. The committee has agreed that we should use these protocols to aid in avoiding any unwanted infections or outbreaks. This is the recommendation of the Reopening Committee to the Joint Board & the Morning Star Congregation.

Registration will be available online or through the church office. You can register with the church office Tuesday thru Friday 10am – 4pm. Online registration is available 24 hours a day until the registration capacity is achieved. Please use online registration if you have online access.

Congregation seating:

Should be done in the following manner:

- Masks are required to be worn the entire time you are within the walls of the church building.
- Every other row will be free of occupants
- The center two isles will seat a maximum of three persons with social distancing in place
- The outer two isles will seat a maximum of four persons with social distancing in place

Any isle will seat a Household (**Persons attending service together that live in the same home exceeding count of three persons or more in the household**)

- The assigned Trustees will be seated in the unassigned choir loft.
- The assigned Deaconate will be seated in the second row in both center isles
- The assigned Deaconess will be seated in the fourth row in both center isles
- Those visitors and unregistered attendees will be seated in available seating
- Children under the age of 10 yrs. must be escorted in service by a parent or guardian.

ALL SEATING WILL BE ESCORTED & ASSIGNED BY THE USHERS / SECURITY

Ministries / Officers seating:

Ministry Leaders will determine who and the number of those who will serve in their respective ministry during worship services. Any ministry member that is not assigned to serve and wishes to attend any worship service must register as does any other member or visitor

Only assigned Musicians / Praise Team / Ministerial Staff / Media Ministry members serving are exempt from the total of 130 attendees and are not required to register

Communion Sunday:

Communion will be served as you enter the sanctuary prior to worship service on Communion Sunday

Tithes & Offerings:

There will be limited movement so there will be Tithing / Offering drop boxes placed inside the sanctuary that can be used as you enter or exit the worship service

Arrival Seating:

This will be done from front to back a row at a time; under the direction of the Ushers / Security team.

Dismissal:

This will be done from back to front a row at a time; under the direction of the Ushers / Security team.

Local and National Guidelines will be monitored by the Reopening Committee for recommended modifications to this protocol based upon changes with the reported infection rate and suggested guideline set by local state government agencies and the CDC.