

Manheim Grace Brethren Church
Guidelines for Re-opening our Church Building for Worship
Beginning Sunday, June 21, 2020 at 10:00AM
Seating beginning at 9:30AM
(There will be no ABF classes or children's classes.)

Objectives for Re-opening

1. To meet the spiritual needs of our congregation and in accordance with Hebrews 10:25 (... "not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together...").
2. To provide physical safety for the members of our congregation.
3. To follow all reasonable government safety measures out of respect for our God-appointed leaders and as a witness to our community.

Safety Reminders (from CDC for Communities of Faith)

All the hard surfaces in the lobby, sanctuary, multi-purpose room, and restrooms will be cleaned with a disinfectant prior to your arrival.

Reminder to wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.

We encourage everyone to cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or use the inside of their elbow. Used tissues should be thrown in the trash and hands washed.

Hand sanitizer dispensers are mounted on the wall at main entrance, inside door as you enter the multi-purpose room and prior to entering the sanctuary.

Please practice social distancing.

Procedures for Attending

Worship will be held in the sanctuary with overflow seating in the multi-purpose room, and we will be live-streaming the service for those seated in the multi-purpose room.

Enter through the main entrance and proceed directly to the back of the sanctuary or to the multi-purpose room. If families prefer to be seated in the overflow area, tables will be set up and some table activities will be provided for the children.

There will be someone attending the front door so only one person is touching the door handle.

There are hand sanitizer dispensers mounted on the wall at main entrance, inside door as you enter the multi-purpose room and prior to entering the sanctuary.

Coats should remain with owners.

Ushers will seat family units at 6 foot intervals, alternating benches, starting at the front of the church.

Families are encouraged to arrive and be seated together in order to conserve space.

Parents with babies will be seated in proximity to the nursery when possible.

The nursery will not be staffed, but will be available for diaper changes and fussy babies.

Following the service, ushers will dismiss congregants starting at the back of the sanctuary.

Please practice social distancing and do not linger inside the church after the service.

Additional Information

Coffee will not be served, but there will be bottles of water available. NOTE: Water fountains will not be available.

Bulletins will be available for the morning service.

There will be offering plates at the back of the sanctuary.

You may pick up your mail, but please do not add any mail to the mailboxes.

The bathrooms will be open and available for use.

Masks are encouraged as you enter the sanctuary and leave. They may be removed in the pew. Masks are also recommended if you are unable to maintain 6' social distancing, but this is all at your discretion.

If you are sick, please do not come to the live service, but instead, join us online.

If you are not yet ready to return to live worship services, we understand; please join us online.

All other activities in the building remain canceled until further notice.

Any questions, please contact the church office at 717-665-2334.