

REOPENING OUR CHURCH SANCTUARY: We are excited to report our plans to reopen the Sanctuary for worship beginning on Sunday, April 11, at 10:30 AM.

Using the guidelines from the WI Annual Conference and best practices as set forth by the CDC, the ECUMC Facility Reopening Team developed this plan to conduct in-person worship. Our primary goal is to love one another and ensure the safety of all. God delights in our worship no matter our surroundings, but the ability to safely re-enter our sacred space is a cause for celebration, marking a positive milestone in this global pandemic.

Even after the building is open, the Sanctuary service will be streamed live at 10:30 AM via our YouTube channel. It will be recorded for viewing at your convenience after noon on Sundays (visit www.EC-UMC.com).

Below is our **Covenant of Care**. It outlines our mutual commitment to respect the health and comfort of one another. These practices may change as new best practice information becomes available and/or restrictions are imposed or lifted.

COVENANT OF CARE

1. RSVP is required. At first, capacity will be limited to 50 worshippers. Each Monday a new Sign-Up Genius link will be available on our website (www.EC-UMC.com). Enter your name and contact information and the number in your party.

If you prefer, you may call the church office (262-251-3830) and leave the same information and our Administrative Assistant will add your name to the online registration.

If capacity has been reached, you will have to join the service online for that week.

2. Face masks are required for everyone in the building except for those with a medical exemption or under the age of 3. Masks are available from an usher if you do not have your own.

Staff and worship leaders will wear face masks except when speaking, singing, or playing an instrument.

3. Ushers will seat the congregation according to the church's physical distancing plan. Please be respectful of their directions.

4. Families must stay together. Currently, no Nursery care or Sunday School is available. Online Celebration Service is still offered at 8:30 AM.

5. You must enter using the main parking lot double doors. Entrance through the carport or Celebration Hall doors will not be permitted. Please maintain physical distancing while you wait to enter the building. Ushers will begin seating and worshippers may enter the building between 10:15 and 10:40 AM for the 10:30 AM service.

Following the service, ushers will direct you to an exit door. Those desiring to be picked up at the carport should request seating on the left (organ) side of the aisle and remain in their pew until everyone else has exited.

8. Please avoid using the church restroom by using the facilities before coming to church. The restroom will be monitored and sanitized between each use.

9. Hand sanitizer will be available for use upon entering and leaving the building.

10. Elements of the worship service will be different.

- Special music will be offered, but congregational singing is not encouraged.
- You are invited to bring your prayer joy/concern on a piece of paper to place in a basket before entering the Sanctuary. These will be lifted up during worship. Alternatively, you may deliver your prayer request to the church office by phone or email for inclusion in the basket.
- Offering plates will be in the narthex, not passed among the pews.
- There will not be bulletins or attendance pads; instead we will utilize the video screens and the ushers will record attendance according to the Sign-Up Genius list.
- Hymnals and Bibles have been removed from the pews, but you are welcome to bring your own Bible.

10. Communion will be offered using individual, prepackaged kits.

11. There will not be fellowship time or refreshments. Everyone will be expected to exit the building at the end of the service. Areas are available in the parking lot for conversation and fellowship.