



St. John's Church

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May 22, 2020

Dear St. John's Family,

Today, Governor Wolf announced that Lebanon County will enter the Yellow Phase on Friday, May 29.

I am happy to announce that in-person worship will resume at St. John's Church on Sunday, June 7!

Here are some important details about our reopening in the Yellow Phase. (Subject to change.)

There will be THREE in-person worship services: 8:30 am, 10:30 am, and 7:00 pm.

- Each service is limited to 35 people. (Churches in PA may have more than 25 people per service.)
- The 10:30 am worship service will continue to be livestreamed.
- Please complete and mail the enclosed postcard as soon as possible to reserve a service time.

We love you, but please STAY HOME if you are sick or have the following COVID-19 symptoms.

- Fever, Cough, Difficulty breathing, Chills, Muscle pain, Sore throat, New loss of taste or smell.
- People with certain pre-existing conditions or weakened immune systems may want to stay home.
- People of advanced age may want to stay home.

Here's WHAT TO EXPECT at a worship service in the Yellow Phase.

- Facial masks must be worn as you enter the church building. (Preschool children are exempt.)
- A limited supply of disposable facial masks will be available if you forget to bring one with you.
- You will be given hand sanitizer to use before you enter the church building.
- Every third pew will be available for seating.
- Please ensure that your family is seated at least 6 feet apart from other families in your pew.
- Facial masks may be removed once you are seated. (Or you may continue to wear your mask if desired.)
- Facial masks must be worn if you leave the sanctuary to use the restrooms. (Preschool children exempt.)
- Although music will be a part of the worship experience, there will be no singing.
- Offering plates will not be passed. They will be located at the sanctuary exits.
- The nursery will not be staffed, but it will be open for parents to use with their children if desired.
- If another family is in the nursery, adults must wear a facial mask.
- There will be no Children's Church or Mission-Minded Kids/Tweens.
- After the service, please be seated, and you will be dismissed by pew.
- After the service, facial masks must be worn as you leave the sanctuary. (Preschool children are exempt.)
- After the service, please exit the building and socialize outside.

You may want to BRING THE FOLLOWING items with you.

- Tissues
- Hand sanitizer
- Your Bible (The pew Bibles have been removed.)
- Activities for your young children (coloring books, crayons, etc.)
- Bottles of water (The water fountains will not be available.)

For your SAFETY:

- Additional cleaning and disinfecting will be performed before each service.
- New touchless liquid soap dispensers will be in each bathroom.
- New touchless hand sanitizer dispensers will be in the lobby, coatroom, nursery, and downstairs.
- Although the restrooms will be available, the rest of the downstairs level will be closed.
- Please help to ensure appropriate social distancing.
- No hugging, shaking of hands, etc.

UPCOMING Worship Services:

- June 14 = Communion
- June 21 = Father's Day

Additional YELLOW PHASE information:

- No Sunday School.
- No Biker Breakfast.
- Monthly morning worship in the Grove has not yet been decided.
- Monthly youth group summer activities have not yet been decided.
- Monday Night Bible Study with Pastor Jan will resume if desired. (Date TBA)
- New Hope Christian Counseling will resume in-person counseling if desired. (Date TBA)
- Evening praise song/hymn sings in the Grove will be scheduled. (Dates TBA)
- Daily Encouragement by Text will continue. (Text JohnEC to 84576 to join.)
- Weekly Encouragement by Phone will continue. (Wed. 7:00-7:30 pm, call 712-451-0011, code 395586)
- Team Gopher will continue. (Please contact Pastor Jeff for assistance.)

I know that's a lot of information! Although things will look different in the Yellow Phase, I am so excited about worshipping together and about the opportunity to see each other! Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have.

Love in Christ,
Pastor Jeff Berger