

REOPENING AT CURTIS ROAD CHURCH OF GOD

First Three Weeks Back

We will be doing church differently for the first three weeks, as we come together. We will be abiding by CDC mandates and, also, taking extra precautions for the safety of our church family and guests. Thank you for working with us through this.

Changes for the first three weeks. We will reevaluate after that.

- 🕒 We will have our regular Sunday morning service starting at 10:30. Doors will open at 10:10.
- 🕒 There will be no Sunday School for the first 3 weeks.
- 🕒 There will be no Children's Church for the first 3 weeks.
- 🕒 There will be no Nursery for the first 3 weeks. This will be evaluated afterwards. If a child needs to be taken out, the cry room will be open.
- 🕒 The café will not be open for the first 3 weeks.
- 🕒 The entire physical plant will be closed during the service except for the foyer, restrooms, cry room, and sanctuary.
- 🕒 There will be no literature or church bulletins.
- 🕒 Offerings will be received through boxes as you exit the service.
- 🕒 **If you are older or have physical health issues that cause you to be at higher risk**, it is recommended that you stay home during the first three weeks. We will leave the choice to you, but we do want you to stay safe.
- 🕒 If you have a fever, body aches, dry cough, etc., **please do NOT attend services.**

PRIOR TO SERVICE

CLEANING

- A team will clean and disinfect bathrooms, door handles, tables, and all traffic areas. This will be done before and after each service.

PHYSICAL PLANT

- The entire physical plant will be closed except for the foyer, restrooms, and sanctuary.

ENTERING THE CHURCH

HAND SANITIZER AND MASK

- An usher will help each person use hand sanitizer, whether you are wearing gloves or not, upon entering the building. (This will minimize the possibility of bringing contamination into the church).
- Everyone entering the building will be asked to wear a mask going to and from their seat. If you do not have one, one will be provided. The mask can be taken off while you are at your seat. **Please note:** *the reason you wear a mask is for the protection of others. This is a way you can help protect others.*

SEATING

- There will be no gathering in the foyer area. Once you enter the church you will be taken directly into the sanctuary, where an usher will seat you. Please remain at your seat unless using the restroom or you need to leave the service.
- Families who live together will be asked to sit as a group.
- Please understand that you will not be sitting in the same place you normally sit. About 70% of our seating will be closed off.
- We are asking the usher to seat parents/guardians with children in the back of the church, due to the restrictive nature of these services. Please keep children and youth with you at all times. Parents/guardians are asked to accompany children to and from the restrooms. Children can't watch children.
- Social distancing of six feet will be implemented. **This is not a recommendation.** We must comply with CDC mandates in order to be able to remain open.
- There will be no hand shaking, hugs, or high fives. No physical contact.

EXITING THE CHURCH

LEAVING THE SERVICE

At the dismissal, an usher will help everyone exit. They will start dismissing from the back to the front. For the time being, neither Teresa nor I will be in the entrance, to avoid creating a bottleneck.

If you would like to fellowship, please do so in the parking lot, **but please make sure you are observing the six-foot social distancing.** You do not know who may be watching or recording, trying to show the church to be negligent and uncaring about their community. Many people would want to take a photo/video to use against the church on social media.

FINAL THOUGHTS

I know that this is going to be different and, in many ways, challenging to do. Many things included in our reopening is different from how we normally act. We love to hug and shake hands. We love to be able to sit with our friends and fellowship with our church family. I ask that you remember three things. First, that although you may be comfortable doing something (such as hugging), you may make someone else uncomfortable. Secondly, we want to make sure that we are keeping everyone as safe as possible, especially considering the age of our congregation. Lastly, I am just so thankful that we're coming back together as a body of believers to exalt the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.