

## **Elements of Post-Covid Gathering Policy (Modified March 2022)**

The following apply to all gatherings – worship and non-worship – at Trinity UMC.

- (1) We will continue to offer online worship or its equivalent.
- (2) Vaccinated individuals are not required to wear masks anywhere in the church.
- (3) All unvaccinated individuals must wear a mask in all areas of our church and cannot sing in worship. This is a “responsibility in love” on your part not only out of concern for your own safety but also for the safety of those in our faith community who are most vulnerable.
- (4) No masks are required for outside activities although non-vaccinated individuals should avoid close contact with others.
- (5) Social distancing is not required anywhere in the church..
- (6) Ushers will greet and hand bulletins to individuals in the Narthex before they enter the Sanctuary.
- (7) Ushers will collect offering during the service in a manner which does not require passing the plate from one person to another.
- (8) The Church will not provide a staffed nursery. However, family members may take their children to non-sanctuary spaces in the Church during worship service if desired or required.
- (9) Non-worship gatherings will be scheduled through the church office.
- (10) Each non-worship gathering will have a designated point of contact.
- (11) Eating or drinking is only allowed in the church for individuals and small groups (30 people or fewer) if the food is prepackaged or served by individuals wearing masks and gloves.
- (12) Health questions will no longer be asked although poster(s) will remain in plain view at the entrance to the sanctuary and other locations in the church. In addition, signs addressing masking requirements will also be posted at entrances.
- (13) Communion elements will be distributed by the Pastor, who will be gloved and masked) during service.
- (14) The main floor of the Church building will be cleaned weekly and the budget for this will be given to the Finance Committee by the Trustees. Hand sanitizer and masks will be available at all entrances.
- (15) Vaccinated choir members can practice and sing in worship.
- (16) We will follow CDC guidance and direction from the state or conference and restrictions on gathering will change as required.
- (17) We will strive to educate all members on policy and need for any continued restrictions using all available means (news blast, pulpit, Facebook, etc.).