

Addendum to St. John's Reentry Plan (Phase 2)

Effective October 5, 2020

(All components of Phase One continue to be in place except as amended by this Addendum)

- All in house St. John's ministries: Sunday School, Church Committee/Ministry Meetings, Bible Study, GriefShare, Stephen Ministry, Card Ministry, Youth and Children Activities, UMM, UMW, Prayer Shawl, Joseph's Coat and other activities with 180 or fewer as approved by the Senior Pastor and or St. John's Trustees will resume effective October 5, 2020. The option to meet and whether to meet face to face or electronically is up to said groups.
- All meetings/gatherings will require the wearing of masks, safe social distancing, hand sanitizing, non-touch temperature monitoring and no physical contact of any kind. Each group and ministry meeting in our building(s) will need to provide the name of the person responsible for temperature monitoring and that person will need to arrive well in advance of the meeting to obtain a no touch thermometer. No activities or gatherings that may have physical contact or violate in any way safe social distancing and mask wearing requirements will be approved in this phase. Non-contact sporting activities will be allowed in this phase. Except as noted in this addendum, all components of phase one continue to be in place.
- The meeting of said groups will have to be scheduled with the church office at least 7 days prior to the meeting, so as to make certain that space is available for social distancing and all other applicable church policies to be practiced. Please note that traditional meeting rooms and times for meetings and gatherings very likely will not be utilized and may not occur on the day that they have in the past. Meeting spaces will be assigned based on the number of participants, social distancing requirements and space availability. Meeting spaces will be available from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Meetings taking place after 4:30 p.m. will require prior approval and the issuance of an electronic key that will be effective only for the time of the meeting. Meetings may be scheduled on a re-occurring basis. To provide for safe distancing relative to entrance and exit routes, children's Sunday School classes will be able to meet during normal Sunday School hours on Sunday morning as space is available. Adult Sunday School classes may meet on Sunday afternoons between 12:30 and 4:00 or at other times during the week as space is available.
- Some spaces are not practical nor able to sustain safe practices and social distancing. Due to our policy to make certain all gathering spaces are clean and sanitized, we will be unable to hold consecutive back to back meetings in the same room or space without cleaning and sanitizing taking place first. The cost for sanitizing the space for St. John's in-house ministries/gatherings will be absorbed by the church, but there will be a COVID sanitizing

fee of \$25.00 for supplies that will be assessed for each meeting/gathering to any and all groups that are not an in-house ministry program of St. John's. Said cleaning will be done only by St. John's staff. We will make our best efforts to schedule space for as many groups as possible, but space and timing will dictate the availability for groups. Scheduling will be done on a first come first serve basis. When possible, these meetings will be one hour or less in duration.

- Meal and or food related gatherings or refreshments for meetings will not be reintroduced until Phase 3 of our reopening plan. This will be reviewed monthly as new guidelines and data become available.
- Funerals and weddings may take place in our Sanctuary, Chapel or Faith Center. None of these services should exceed 45 minutes in duration and all singing shall adhere with existing church policy. There will be no exceptions. These events will be required to adhere to the same practices that are utilized for our Sunday worship services and or as outlined in procedures established specifically for weddings or funerals. Said events should be held to 180 or fewer attendees. Please note that just as is the case for our Sunday worship services, families that live under the same roof may sit together without social distancing of six feet. All other family, friends and others in attendance will be required to be seated at safe social distancing. Ushers participating in these services will be required to be St. John's ushers or those trained as ushers by St. John's staff. Funerals or Weddings may also be held in our Chapel with attendance in said space being limited to 20. At the conclusion of the funeral or wedding, attendees will be dismissed by the ushers and there will be no gathering or receiving lines.
- Access to office space, our pastors and staff will continue to be available by utilizing our Newberry Street entrance and calling to ask for assistance. Pastor and staff phone numbers are posted at the door.

A summary of our phase one re-entry plan is shown below to provide reference points and to address questions concerning our practices and policies not appearing in this addendum.

Summary of Phase One

Do No Harm

- If you are symptomatic, please stay home. (Fever, Cough, known exposure over previous 14 days to COVID-19).
- Stay up to date on current symptoms and illness concerns regarding COVID-19.

- Please be mindful that the 8:30 worship service is offered for those that are most at-risk, those of any age who have underlying medical conditions and those with autoimmune diseases. Please see plan for an expanded explanation.
- Those unable or unwilling to comply with these rules will be graciously invited to leave.

Social Distancing

- Persons who choose to remain in their cars may also tune into 90.1 or 97.1 FM for any given service at their scheduled time if parked near the church. The worship service will continue to be offered on-line as well.
- Six-foot social distancing will be practiced for all worship services and any other church activity, gathering, sporting event or meeting of any kind. Six feet from the front, back and both sides will be required.
- Family groups (each individual family living under the same roof) will be able to sit at a closer distance.
- We will not be able to have physical contact. No hugs, elbow bumps, fist bumps nor any form of physical touching.
- Please plan the appropriate amount of time to arrive and to make your way to the designated entrances. Entrances and exits will be labeled and will be only one-way traffic. No thru traffic via the church building will be available, so please plan appropriately. **Additionally, our ushers will seat and dismiss everyone,** therefore allowing time and appropriate social distancing as you wait will be important.
- We encourage use of restrooms only in the event of an emergency.

Personal Protection

- Temperature checks and hand sanitizer stations will be available at the entrances, both the sanctuary and the Faith Center.
- Mask-wearing will be required for all in attendance, with the exception of children under age 2. Clergy, musicians and vocalists must wear masks except when speaking or singing. Clergy will wear masks except when speaking from the pulpit or lectern. Musicians and choir participants will wear masks or shields at all times. We encourage everyone to bring their own mask, however St. John's will provide a mask for those that do not have one. Masks should be worn at all times while on church premises, and you're encouraged to keep wearing them until back in your vehicle. Wearing masks for persons age 2 and older at any church-sponsored event is required until further notice.
- Weekly offerings will be collected in baskets/containers that will be placed at the exits and each individual will have the opportunity to share their offering as they leave the service.

Safe Spaces

- Our ushers will be trained on how to seat within the scope of this plan. The worship spaces (Sanctuary and Faith Center) will utilize seating on every other pew or row.
- Congregational singing will not be a part of our worship at this time and singing by congregants is prohibited. Humming is permitted. The Sunday Evening Vesper Service may allow for singing if best advice warrants it. Musicians, Choir and Band members will be at a safe distance from the congregation as they sing or play.
- There will be no coffee stations, no coffee and treat gathering area and we discourage bringing food or drink inside of the church buildings.
- At the present time there will be no Sunday School classes meeting in the building, no choir practices, and no other regular meetings. No adult, children's or youth activities can be held in the church building or off-campus unless there is 6-foot social distancing and mask-wearing, plus any other mitigation practices approved by the appropriate personnel. Limited use of the Chapel and Sanctuary are at the sole discretion of the Senior Pastor. We encourage our Sunday School Classes and or ministry/committee groups to meet electronically via Zoom or Web-Ex. Please contact Amy Jernigan or Becca Hartsell to learn more about setting up electronic meetings. (Please note Addendum for any changes with Phase II)
- Groups can meet under the portico between Ward Hall and the Faith Center; the rear portico of the Ebenezer Center (Ebenezer Center only when school is not in session), the front portico of the Sanctuary, or around the Fountain. Please inform Carolyn Wall in the Church Office to avoid overlap.
- There will be no nursery, children's sermon, or children's chapel available for our worship services.
- There will be no utilization of the church busses for transport to our worship services at this time.
- All cleaning, sanitizing, and safety protocols of this plan will be adhered to completely. Persons who do not adhere to these policies will be graciously invited to leave. The worship space will be cleaned and sanitized between each respective service.