

Warren Memorial United Methodist Church
Board of Trustees/Risk Management/Health & Welfare Ministries
Protocols/Procedures for Entering Church Sanctuary

Members and friends of Warren Memorial UMC, plans have been finalized to reopen the church using a hybrid approach for our Worship Sunday Services. This simply means we will have in-person as well as virtual opportunities to participate in our services. In order to create and promote a safe and health-conscious environment we are asking that you be aware of the following protocols and procedures that have been instituted to facilitate a safe return.

- There will be one point of entry into the Sanctuary through the front doors facing Joseph E. Lowery Boulevard.
- As you enter the church parking lot and obtain a parking space, you will be immediately directed to the front entrance where you will be greeted by one of our friendly ushers/greeters. Escorts will be available if you need assistance entering the sanctuary.
- Upon entry into the vestibule area, you will be provided with a face mask and directed/escorted to appropriate/available seating. Individuals may also use their own personal mask if they prefer. **Masks will be required for entry into the sanctuary.**
- Hand sanitizers will be available for use if desired.
- There will be signage in the vestibule area indicating mask requirements as well as other health and safety information.
- Social distancing will be practiced throughout the sanctuary with no more than 4-5 individuals on each pew. However, families will be allowed to be seated together if that is their preference.
- All hymnals and Bibles have been removed from the pews. All songs, announcements, scriptures and other information will be visible on screens throughout the sanctuary.
- **Tithes & Offerings** will continue as was done through our online giving option on the website, mail-in, cash-app, or you can put your offering in the envelope and drop in the basket as you exit the sanctuary.
- **Communion elements** will be provided to members as they enter the Sanctuary on first Sundays. Once used, elements will be collected by the ushers.
- Once worship services have concluded, individuals will be directed to exit the sanctuary area by using one of two exits. (1) Front door or (2) side door adjacent to ready room.
- Baskets will be available in the church parking lot to dispose of masks utilized in service.

You should know that prior to reentering the church, a onetime deep cleaning will be performed by a professional cleaning service. Going forward, plans have been implemented that will include detailed cleaning after each worship service. Committees are urged to continue using conference calls, Zoom, Google, etc., until further notice. We will practice social distancing. Due to our membership and location in the community, these directives are for Warren Memorial and are not based on other churches' procedures/protocol. Thank you and may God always keep us close to Him.

Submitted:

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