



St. Peter's United Church of Christ

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St Peter's Members and Friends,

Your health and well-being are essential. Following are the building use protocols for when you are in church space and in the sanctuary for worship.

Monday - Saturday: Please enter and exit by the Elyria Ave. parking lot mailbox (office) entrance.

Sunday's: Please enter and exit by the same entrance or the elevator entrance under the Church Street parking lot portico.

Upon entry place on your **face covering, over both mouth and nose.**

Use **hand sanitizer** upon entering and exiting.

Hand sanitizer: in Walker Lobby on the Food Collection box; elevator parking lot lobby and on Sanctuary Level.

Maintain **social / physical distance of at least six (6) feet with all persons who do not reside in your household.**

Refrain from using the **Pre-school wing corridor** Monday - Friday, off Walker Lobby, for this space is sanitized daily following school.

Sanctuary Sunday Worship

In-person worship permitted with some exception, as follows:

If Lorain County reaches COVID Level 4 (Purple), or the Governor of Ohio issues an executive "stay at home" order, or a known COVID infection coincides with Sunday Worship, Council will not permit Sanctuary worship "until further notice." A member of Church Council will notify using One Call phone automated message system and email when in-person worship is not permitted, and again when in-person worship / building use resumes.

Maximum sanctuary occupancy, including balcony: **sixty (60)**

Sanctuary windows will provide outside fresh air throughout worship. Plan to arrive with an extra sweater or wrap. The goal: maintain good outside air flow without too cold a sanctuary. Remember: bring a sweater or wrap or lap quilt.

You may enter and exit the sanctuary and move in and out of pew seats using all three aisles.

Maintain social/physical distancing when walking and sitting, standing or talking.

Face coverings over mouth and nose: except if speaking from the Readers Lectern.

Seating is designated for every other pew and within pews, space is marked with an X, meaning "do not sit here."

You will notice no books or paper in the pew area. If you wish to leave a note to the Pastor, or a prayer concern when at worship, write it out ahead of entering the building and drop in in the offering plate as you enter the Sanctuary.

Place your offering upon entering, in the designated plates. Pick up your bulletin (includes hymns and scripture). Pick up the Sacrament of Communion (bread and cup enclosed as one packaged item). Pick up the Newsletter or other items set out in that entering space.

No out loud **singing**. Singing always in your heart!

Persons who **do not reside** in the same household sit **at least six(6) feet apart**.

Persons who **reside in the same household** may sit as many as **3 adults, or 2 adults and 2 children (in most cases) together**.

No sanctuary in-person worship when Lorain County Department of Health posts a COVID **Level 4 (Purple)**, or the Governor of Ohio issues an executive "stay at home" order. Note: A member of Church Council will notify, using One Call phone automated message system and email when in-person worship is not permitted.

At Level 4 (Purple), the Pastor will set up worship in the Sanctuary (or if not on-site, from where they are). Worship technical support persons and the organist are not required, nor expected, but are permitted to join the Pastor in Sanctuary, unless not permitted by the Governor's Stay At Home order or because of known COVID infection, as discussed below.**

*****Council encourages everyone to use their best judgement.*****

Lorain County Department of Health COVID Levels:

Level 1 (Yellow) "Active exposure and spread. Avoid travel to high-risk areas."

Level 2 (Orange) "Increased exposure and spread. Avoid contact with anyone considered high-risk (older adults, people with medical conditions). Be social with people inside your household or a small bubble."

Level 3 (Red) "Very high exposure and spread." Limit being out and about as much as possible. Avoid social gatherings of any size."

Level 4 (Purple) "Severe exposure and spread. Go only for essential supplies, services, or work. Stay at home."

Just in case

**Should Council or Pastor learn that a person(s) with diagnosed COVID has recently been in Sanctuary Worship or in the building, Council will do the following:

They will contact the Lorain County Department of Health and follow the

Department's directives. Council will also communicate by One Call and Email about the day / time and where that person(s) was in the building, and alert if the Sanctuary or part of the building must remain closed for a period of time.

The Council will also make arrangements for Sunday Worship should Pastor become infected and too ill to serve from quarantine.

Friends we are confident that you will stay safe and well. We look forward to greeting you Sundays for Worship: On Zoom and Sanctuary in-person.

We thank-you for watching out for one another: for face-covering, for physical / social distancing when not in the same household, for handwashing / sanitizing, for good thoughts and prayers, for caring for yourself and others when suffering from cold or flu. We thank-you for Praising God, Caring for Us, Caring for Others by following Jesus' example in the Spirit of the risen Christ. Church Council wishes you blessings and peace!

For the Council,

Shelley Harmych and Pastor Arlen

Care for Us

Care for Others

Praising God