



United Church of Christ, Congregational

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Church Family,

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The Reopening Team, our church Council, and the Moderators have decided that it is appropriate to reopen the church for in-person worship services, beginning Sunday, May 2, 2021. This is a result of the recent downward trend in the number of new cases in Medina county, along with the continued rollout of the COVID vaccine.

We will resume with all three services, just as we did last August. The 8:15 service will meet in the Sanctuary, the 9:00 Gathering service will meet in Fellowship Hall, and the 10:30 service in the Sanctuary. **Please note that the Sanctuary service will revert to its traditional time of 10:30.** For those that wish, the 10:30 service will continue to be live streamed on the church website and the church's Facebook page.

Upon reopening, we will offer the Summer version of F.I.S.H (Sunday School), as we would be transitioning to that in mid-May anyway.

In addition, church small groups can resume meeting in the church, provided they wear masks and practice social distancing.

For those attending worship in-person, the same reopening guidelines that were established last Summer will be followed.

- **EVERYONE** entering the church must wear a face mask. We recommend you bring your own mask if you have one. Masks will be available when you enter the church if you do not have one.

NOTE: Per Responsible RestartOhio from the Ohio Dept. of Health, preschool aged children are NOT required to wear masks. Masks are encouraged, but not required for preschool aged children. Children aged 2 years and younger should not wear masks.

- Please practice social distancing from anyone outside of your own household. This includes Pastor Luke. Please respect his personal space.

The full list of original guidelines can be found in the [Reopening Covenant](#) on the church's website at uccmedina.org.

Finally, in an effort to reach "herd immunity", and protect yourself and others in our church family, we recommend and encourage you to get vaccinated, if you are able.

Blessings,

Maureen Walker, Immediate Past Moderator

Matt Yates, Moderator Elect

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