

## Reminder on Church Guidelines for In-Person Services

November 19, 2020

As the fall season continues and winter approaches, Mt. Hope's Board of Elders would like to remind our congregation of some of our guidelines, especially during this coronavirus pandemic as well as the usual season of colds and flus. Overall, we feel our plan for re-opening church since June has gone very well and we are thankful for everyone's continued effort to keep church comfortable and safe, which has allowed us to focus on what is most important: *continuing to receive God's Word and Sacraments together as the Body of Christ.*

As a reminder:

- Please continue to monitor your health and stay home if you have any cold or flu-like symptoms, even if only mild ones.
- Please wear a mask or face covering that covers both your nose and your mouth at all times.
- Please maintain 6-feet of distance from people from other households, both in seating and in walking around church. We realize this isn't always possible, but also be respectful of another person's space, as they may not be as comfortable with the same interactions as you might be.
- Please do not congregate in the narthex before or after service. Ushers, an Elder, and Pastor stand there to greet people and answer any questions, but we would encourage everyone to find their seat when they arrive, and then move conversations outside after service. If you do need to travel to another part of the building, we ask you keep 6-feet of distance as best you can.
- We are encouraging everyone to keep their coats with them into the sanctuary and place them in the empty space of the pew next to you. This will help minimize the amount of people in the narthex before and after the service.
- Please stay seated at the end of service so ushers can dismiss the church from the back pews to the front.
- Continue to follow other directions and guidelines that have been posted or that we have been following as a congregation.

We understand that when we gather as a congregation, it is our desire to socialize and be close to our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ. After all, that is normally a good thing as that is the way it *should* be. We are simply asking during this time we all go the extra mile to keep everyone safe as we look forward to the day when these precautions will no longer be necessary. Thank you.

Your Servants in Christ,

Mt. Hope's Board of Elders