



Cranford United Methodist Church

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Cranford Church Re-opening—Safe Worship Guidelines Cranford Church will re-open July 4th!

It is finally time to re-open our church. The COVID restrictions have been greatly reduced on many levels (Nationally, State, local, and by our United Methodist Church Conference), and many of us have been vaccinated. So, we feel that we can safely re-open our church now.

Re-opening does not come without some concerns. Our Bishop Lewis reminded us recently that we are “to do no harm” which means that we should remain extra careful towards our fellow members. For example, most children have not been vaccinated and we want to protect them as best we can. Schools, medical facilities, and mass transit are still requiring masks and distancing. About 30% of the population remains unvaccinated.

If you are coming to worship, we ask that you review the following guidelines. Please follow them for the greater good of all members. These will be reviewed monthly to make modifications as needed.

- Only the Sanctuary and restrooms will be open for now.
- The bathrooms will start as clean. There will be sanitizing wipes available for members to use. Please wipe and clean touched surfaces as necessary for you. Toss waste in trash and not toilet.
- Before you enter church, you will be given a Health Acknowledgement Form to read. We all have seen these. If you have symptoms, been around someone with symptoms, tested positive, etc. we ask that you stay home and visit next time.
- We welcome our children back also. But the nursery will remain closed for now.
- It is recommended that people attending service to sit six feet apart unless they are part of a family group or friend group.
- It is also recommended that people wear their masks indoors for now regardless of their vaccination status.
- Members can sponsor refreshments and fellowship, but only outdoors for now.
- Pew membership pads will not be passed around. So please sign in as you enter church.
- Our pew cushions will be placed out in a future service after they have been vacuumed.
- It is okay to use the pew Bibles and Hymnals.
- The collection plates will be set in front and back of the Sanctuary.
- Those speaking at the altar can do so unmasked.
- During greeting time, fist bumps and elbow touches in place of handshakes/hugs.

Let's all try to do this for an hour and enjoy being in church again!