**We are:**
\* Offering live streams of our services to allow those who are ill, at risk, or more highly
 concerned to still participate in worship with us from home.
\* Providing ready access to hand sanitizer stations.
\* Encouraging social distancing
 > Every other pew has been taped off.
 ~ This provides just under 6’ of separation between pews.
 ~ This seating is available on a first-come, first-served basis.  Please be flexible
 and understanding if your usual seat is occupied.
 ~ Please maintain 6’ of separation between persons from different households
 if occupying the same pew.
 > Overflow seating is available downstairs with a TV and speakers set up for a
 real-time feed to follow along with what’s going on upstairs.
\* Avoiding passing items around the sanctuary.  Instead of offering plates we have the church-shaped box located just before the double doors to the sanctuary.
\* Handouts and bulletins are prepared with clean hands and left in a common area to be picked up instead of being passed out.  These items are also emailed out a couple days before service to be printed at home if preferred.
\* Thorough cleaning between services.
\* Finding alternative ways to share fellowship meals and communion.

 **What you can do to help:**
\* Pray
 > For wisdom for church, local, state, and national leaders.
 > For compassion, patience, and protection for the church body and community.
 > For faith in our creator and provider and that our worship would be acceptable
 to Him.
\* Stay home if you are sick.
 > Even if you’re just a little sick
 > Even if you’re sure it’s not COVID-19
 > Please worship from home if you have any of the following symptoms:
 ~ A fever or chills within the last 72 hours
 ~ A \*new\* cough (not associated with allergies, etc.)
 ~ Unusual shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
 ~ New loss of taste or smell
 ~ Nausea or vomiting
 ~ Diarrhea
 > If you have a confirmed or suspected case of COVID-19 please follow the CDC
 guideline and self-isolate until 10 days after the onset of symptoms or 3 days
 after recovery.  (Longer for persons who are immune compromised.)  Or as
 directed by your doctor.
\* Maintain 6’ of separation from others who are not members of your household.
 > This includes to either side when seated in a pew.
 > Consider gathering outside to fellowship after service where social distance can
 be maintained more easily, there is plenty of fresh air, and the sun can kill germs.
\* Replace handshakes with a non-contact greeting such as a wave.
\* Wear a mask that covers your mouth and nose
 > Common face coverings are obviously not 100% effective at preventing
 transmission or receipt of the virus.  Depending on their fit and construction
 they block a percentage of droplets from a cough, sneeze, or regular breathing
 and reduce the sphere of potential contamination around the wearer.
 > Face coverings are more effective at protecting others from the wearer’s
 contagions than they are at protecting the wearer.
 > A person may carry the COVID-19 virus and be able to transmit it even if they
 don’t have symptoms.  The commonly recognized symptoms may not be
 present for 2 to 14 days after infection.  Some people never exhibit symptoms
 but may still be contagious.
\* Be sure to cover your cough or sneeze – especially if not already covering your face by wearing a mask.
\* Wash your hands frequently and thoroughly.
\* Consider worshiping from home if you are at higher risk due to age or medical condition.
 > Stay in touch!  Remember that Wednesday night Bible study/prayer meeting on
 Zoom allows for two-way contact with others from the congregation.
 > Let the church know if there’s anything we can pray for or help you
 with.  Contact the secretary or any of the elders or deacons.

**When someone gets sick:**
\* If at the church building when symptoms are detected, that person and any members of their immediate household will be moved to an isolation room to assess their needs and coordinate safe transportation.
\* If the person’s symptoms align with those of COVID-19 they will be encourage to contact a healthcare professional and follow their advice.  They will also be asked to keep church leadership appraised of what they learn.
\* The congregation will be notified if someone has a suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19, the date that the person’s symptoms began, and any times when that person was known to be at the facilities or in contact with members of the congregation going back 14 days prior to the onset of symptoms.  Notification will be made primarily via an email from the pastor or secretary.  The person’s name will not be used without their consent.
\* The person and members of their immediate household will be asked not to return to the facilities until 72 hours after symptoms have ended in the case of a confirmed or suspected COVID-19 case or 24 hours after symptoms have ended for other illnesses.
\* Persons who have had contact with someone who has been had a confirmed or suspected case of COVID-19 should self-evaluate their level of exposure and consider getting tested.  If they decide not to get tested they should consider increasing their diligence in preventing the spread to others as they have a higher chance of unknowingly carrying the virus.