

May 29, 2020

Dear Member of the Church Family at First Assembly of God,

We thank the Lord for His care upon us in these very strange times of pandemic, as the world had never seen. After many weeks of shut down from our regular church gatherings, we are seeing some light at the end. We have scheduled an opening date for services being June 7, 2020, (the first Sunday of June). As the crisis is continuing and there is great sense of caution, we have a responsibility of assuring safety to the Church family to the best of our ability. Therefore, we have adopted the following measures as we gather for regular services. It may cause some inconveniences to God's people with the times and arrangements, but may we request you to be patient and considerate of the safety of others while we attempt to return to normalcy.

1. As the number of gathering is stipulated by the CDC guidelines to fifty (50) people, we need to arrange the congregation into two services (Sunday Morning 10:00 & Evening 6:30). Rather than everyone coming to the morning service and very few in the evening, we are requesting that those among us who are 60 years old and above, and those who live outside of the Greater Portland area and some leaders, to please attend the morning service. All others, please consider attending the evening service.
2. Holy Communion is served in both services with utmost caution during alternate Sundays.
3. Seats in the sanctuary's mid-section will be arranged with distances from one to another. Families, please seat yourselves on either side with two or three chairs.
4. Chairs and sanctuary will be disinfected before and after the services for your safety.
5. Hand sanitizer and masks are provided in the foyer for the use of God's people, should you need them.
6. Hymnbooks and the Bibles are removed temporarily to avoid handling by several and we will use the projection system instead for singing and reading.
7. Offering - we will have the congregation come to the altar and place their offering in the designated offering plates. Then, Sister Sue will take them to the church office.

8. For the time being, please refrain from handshakes, hugs/kisses, and close body contact while in church. Please know you are never less loved when we avoid these for now.
9. We will need at least four volunteers to help us clean the sanctuary after each use. We can rotate Hospitality teams for this project. Please let Sister Sue know if you are available to help.
10. We will resume Youth Ministry and Bible School with these guidelines as well.

Please be in prayer in the coming days so the transition will go smoothly and the Lord Jesus will be glorified among us. We take a moment to thank all God's people who worked hard during the shutdown to keep the ministries going. Thank you for your faithfulness to the Lord and His Kingdom. Heaven keeps good record. Please do not hesitate to contact the pastor (207-838-8483) or Sister Sue (207-712-5121) in case of questions/comments or concerns as they are valuable in this process. Many Blessings on you, God's people, and we look forward to seeing you in our services starting June 7, 2020.

OUR LORD IS COMING SOON!

In the Lord's Service,

Pastor Abraham