

As of December 23, 2021, we have paused in-person services until COVID + numbers improve in our community. We anticipate the zoom-only format for the month of January, and we will communicate any changes to the congregation.

When we resume in-person gathering, here are some Q&A and guidelines to consider:

Will there still be a ZOOM option?

- YES – we will have this option moving forward thanks to our dedicated ZOOM crew

Do I need to be fully vaccinated as defined by CDC (for adults that means having your initial shots and booster) to be in person?

- YES—and Asymptomatic. Please do not assume anything is ‘just a cold/allergies’ if you have any symptoms that could be mild COVID stay home/get tested. The reason for having only vaccinated individuals is to protect the vulnerable. Vaccinated people are less likely to be the vector of spread of COVID if they are asymptomatic.

Will you be checking the vaccination status of individuals?

- No, there will be an honor system in place.

Do I wear a mask?

- Masks are required

How will the seating be?

- Seating will not be modified, however the gallery will be available for those that are not interested in extra space.

Will we have coffee hour?

- Feel free to gather in the garden after the service as weather permits. There will not be drinks after the service, because that would require that masks be removed, which could increase the likelihood of viral spread.

Will there be singing?

- No. We are humming hymns with masks on to avoid additional viral spread.

Hugs? Handshakes? Fist bumps? Elbow taps?

- Ask individuals what works for them prior to initiation of greeting type.

What about the air circulation at the church?

- Thanks to Veronica Smith’s efforts we have the HVAC filters in place for best practice COVID living. We will also open the doors that go to the sanctuary when appropriate.

How is the church determining its policies?

- The GPUC board is making decisions about how to safely operate based upon guidance from the CDC, local Michigan guidelines, and the UUA. Ultimately, each congregant must decide for him or herself whether to attend in person or via zoom based upon his or her own risk assessments.

What if I have a medical contraindication to getting the vaccine or am severely immunocompromised?

- For now the ZOOM option should be utilized. After talking with your doctor and making a plan the board can be approached via email to the president, Russ Chavey at russchavey@gmail.com or 313-378-3407 for consideration of in person with accommodation such as the above individual wearing a properly fitted N95 mask.

What if I decided I still need to do ZOOM but feel isolated?

- Please reach out to the chair of our lay pastoral committee, at cguither@gmail.com, and she will get you connected for social support!

I am just not sure what to do... I am vaccinated but all this seems so complicated and hard to make decisions.

- You are not alone in this feeling! It has been a rollercoaster of navigating how to live during this pandemic. If you need to know more details or have a specific question not covered here please reach out to Russell Chavey, at russchavey@gmail.com.