

Our Savior's Moravian Church – Public Worship Policy

Effective as of June 21, 2020

Beginning Sunday June 21st, Our Savior's Moravian Church will open its building to worship services and events that have been approved by the Joint Board

For the love of those who are in our building, and in an effort to provide members of our congregation and people of our community with a safe worship experience, Our Savior's Moravian Church will enlist the following policies throughout the ongoing timeline of the COVID-19 global pandemic

Indoor Worship Services:

1. Feeling Ill - If you are feeling ill, or have come into contact with someone who has or recently had COVID-19 symptoms, we please ask you to worship online from home.
2. Masks – all people in attendance of a public worship service are strongly encouraged to wear a mask and any other personal protective equipment that meets their comfort level. The church building will have a small collection of masks available for individuals to take and keep if they do not have a mask with them and would like one.
3. Seating – all people in attendance of a public worship service are expected to maintain physical distancing guidelines
 - a. Remain 6 feet away from others in our building and grounds
 - b. Please sit only in designated seating areas of our sanctuary and fellowship hall.
 - c. Families who are quarantined together are allowed to sit as a group
4. Offering – we will NOT pass an offering plate through our sanctuary during worship. If you have an offering, tithe, or gift, please place it in one of the two offering collection boxes upon entering or exiting the sanctuary.
5. Bathrooms – we encourage all people to refrain from using our bathroom facilities; however, if you must use the facilities please try to wait outside the doors if someone else is currently using the facilities.
 - a. Please utilize our hand sanitizing stations upon entering and wash your hands before and after using the restroom facilities
6. Bulletins: Bulletins will be placed in designated seating areas to help indicate appropriate spaces to sit and to prevent the transmission of potential illness.
7. Singing: Until further notice, congregational singing will not be included in our public worship services.
8. Right Hand of Fellowship: Until further notice, we will not have the right hand of fellowship during worship.
9. Children's Message: Until physical distancing restrictions are reduced, we will not have a traditional children's message where the children gather, but we will offer creative alternatives for our children to help them feel included during our worship services.
10. Entering/Exiting – Please be conscious of physical distancing especially when entering and exiting our building. You are encouraged to use alternative doorways to avoid creating congestion of people.

Outdoor Worship Services:

Unique policies for outdoor services include

1. Seating – there will be areas of chairs placed throughout the church yard to help maintain physical distancing. If your family group needs additional chairs, they will be available against the church wall.
2. Parking Lot - For those who would prefer to stay in your cars during worship you are encouraged to park along the south side (bell tower side) of our parking lot or along Center Avenue.

****If you choose to NOT stay in your vehicle for worship we ask that you park on the northside (kitchen side) of the parking lot.**