

Guidelines for Re-opening of the Wayne Church

- The church board has set a date of June 27 for reopening the church for in-person worship services.
- Adult Sabbath School may be held from 10 - 10:45, and Worship from 11 - 11:45.
- We will have a streaming option for those who prefer not to attend at church.
- Families should sit together in the sanctuary; Others will be seated to maintain social distancing. Some sort of marking will be used to block off portions of the seating area.
- We do not anticipate the need to turn away anyone wishing to attend, but there may be limits imposed by state or county. The most current guidelines from the NJ Governor allow for a maximum of 50 people in a gathering.
- The basement can be used for additional seating, hopefully with streaming on the TV screen.
- Our consensus was that temperature checks could create a false sense of security. So we ask that people who have any symptoms of illness, or those who fall into any "high risk" category, to please stay home for now.
- Greeter(s) will be seated at a table in the lobby, where hand sanitizer and masks will be available.
- Signs will be posted in the lobby, reminding people to keep six foot distancing, avoid shaking hands, wash hands, etc.
- We will require single-person occupancy for all restrooms; signage for proper hygiene, and sanitizing spray will be present. We will have a sign on the door to indicate if the restroom is occupied.
- The "house" portion of the church is off limits, except for passage to and from the restroom.
- We do not see a need to "deep clean" the church prior to opening, as it has been empty for months. Extra cleaning will take place before and between weekly services, focusing on restrooms, handles, rails, switches, and pews.
- Bibles and hymnals have been temporarily removed from the pews. Attendees are encouraged to bring their own bibles.
- Paper bulletins will not be used for the present time.
- Attendees must wear face masks when entering, walking about, and leaving the building. Face masks will be optional while seated in the sanctuary, but must be worn during congregational singing.
- All children's areas and children's sabbath school rooms will be closed; Children's classes using video conferencing will continue to do so, with the option of having classes outdoors at church, weather permitting.
- Mother's room is to be used only by parents with infants, maintaining social distancing. The rest room in the mother's room will be off limits to others.
- Water fountain may only be used for contact-less filling of personal cups or bottles. The drinking spout will be blocked off.
- Deacons, deaconesses and other leaders will be trained on what to expect, and how to inform and assist congregants.
- Members will be informed of the steps being taken to prepare the church for a safe worship experience, and the expectations for those attending.
- Online giving will be encouraged as the preferred method. A box will be available in the lobby to collect tithe envelopes. No passing of the plate for now.
- Deacons will ensure that attendees are dismissed in an orderly fashion by rows, and remind attendees to exit the building without socializing.

- Time in the building will be limited to 1 hour and 45 minutes, including adult Sabbath School.
- No communion, potlucks, or food service, until further notice. The kitchen is to be locked and off limits.
- We will maintain a list of attendees for each service, in order to facilitate future contact tracing, if necessary.
- Board meetings, committees and small groups may meet at church, with appropriate distancing measures.
- Pathfinders and VBS are to be conducted virtually.