

Greetings QHBC Family!

The Leadership Team is planning for an Oct 4, 2020 reopening of the church for live and in-person worship services! Praise God!

Things will be a quite different and we will be following the CDC guidelines and the State of CT recommendations and executive orders to ensure the safety of everyone. The leadership team wanted to send you this update so you will be prepared for all the changes and have the tools and foreknowledge to make this a success.

As you prepare to come to the in-person worship services, CDC guidelines as well as the State of CT, recommend that you monitor your temperature prior to coming – any temperature above 100.5°F, you should not come in. Also, if you have a cough, feel sick, loss of taste or smell, etc. please stay home. We also strongly encourage anyone who is in an “at risk” category (defined as “65 yrs or older; immune-compromised; or anyone with underlying medical conditions”) to stay home and join us on-line. Our streaming on-line services will continue.

In accordance with guidance provided by the State of CT regarding the reopening process for houses of worship, we will be limited to 25% of the building's capacity. QHBC blueprints indicate the Sanctuary has a capacity of 110 people, the overflow has a capacity of 20 people, at 25% capacity we will be able to seat 32 people in the Sanctuary and over flow area. We will also open up the fellowship hall which will allow for space for 10 more people at 25% capacity based on the square footage of the room. Making the maximum capacity of 42 for a Sunday Service. Everyone will need to be separated by a minimum of 6 feet, unless they are sitting with same household family members. Pews will be roped or taped off to designate where 6 foot + distances can be accomplished. Ushers will keep a log of all attendees for each service, and will help with seating congregants into appropriate areas.

There will be one-way traffic inside the building. The front entrance will be the “enter” and the back/side door will be the “exit”. All walking patterns inside the church will be one-way. We ask that once you are seated in the sanctuary that you stay for the remainder of the service. At the end of the worship service we are asking that the pews closest to the back doors to exit first and then the subsequent rows in succession (the ushers will assist in this process.) Face masks shall be to be worn at ALL times inside the building – you will need to have yours on to enter. We will have a hand sanitizing station at the front doors so you can sterilize your hands prior to entering the worship space.

At the entrance to the sanctuary we will have drop box for offerings and the prefilled communion cups. Extra worship bulletins will also be available at this table. Ushers will point out this area as they seat congregants. This is to minimize shared items and possible spreading of the virus. All hymnal and bibles have also been removed from the worship space for this reason. Bring your own bible if you like to follow along – or follow on the screens, we will have scriptures and topics up as well. There will be no singing as this is discouraged in an indoor setting due to the nature of the virus. We will have doors propped open - as temperatures and weather allow – to

provide further ventilation / aeration of the space, as well as cutting down on things you need to touch.

Bathrooms will be available however, try to utilize them on your way in or on your way out in order to keep with the one-way traffic flow. Bathrooms will be sterilized prior to services as well as at the end. Thank you to our volunteers for all your prep-work and faithful service.

Looking forward to seeing you all and worshipping our Lord together once again.

God Bless and keep you well.

Leadership Team

Remember:

1. Monitor your health status prior to coming
2. Wear your face mask
3. Bring your bible
4. Watch for One-Way walking patterns
5. God loves you and so do we! 😊