

Cranford United Methodist Church Building Guidelines June 2021

With guidance from the bishop and the CDC, Pastor Cameron and church leadership have decided to move forward with re-opening the buildings.

A goal of having the first indoor worship service **June 20, 2021** has been set. Indoor worship will be held on the 3rd Sunday of the month for June, July, and August. Outdoor worship will be the typical gathering mode unless otherwise noted.

A goal of making the sanctuary available for appropriate, pre-approved use (weddings, ceremonies, etc.) starting **June 21, 2021** has been set.

Following the bishop's guidance to do no harm and cause no cases of coronavirus, we seek to protect the most vulnerable among us. We will err on the side of caution. Please come as you are comfortable, online streaming of all worship services will continue.

We will adhere to state laws and CDC guidelines.

Guidelines for outdoor worship.

- Please bring a chair and a printed or electronic copy of the weekly bulletin.
- If you are fully vaccinated, a mask is not required. We recommend wearing a mask when socializing before and after the worship service. ***Please respect others' comfort- level regarding masks and distance.*** Let us approach one another with selfless love and hospitality.
- It will be warm in the summer. Please dress to stay cool, bring water to stay hydrated, and consider bringing an umbrella for shade.
- Masks, hand sanitizer, and cold water will be available at the welcome table.
- If rain is in the forecast, worship will be moved into the sanctuary and the guidelines below will apply.

Guidelines for worshipping indoors in the Sanctuary

- In the Sanctuary, the Re-Opening Committee has designated socially-distanced seating by marking every other row of pews as "closed." The max occupancy will be 100.
- A space in the rear of the sanctuary will be designated for families with children under age 12.

- The doors and windows of the Sanctuary will be kept open. Window fans and ceiling fans will be turned on.
- The restroom will be open for normal use. Please wash your hands and make use of the sanitizing supplies provided after each use.
- Please use the provided hand sanitizer.
- Windows will be opened, but it will be warm in the summer, so please dress appropriately for the weather.
- The offering plate will not be passed by the ushers. Please place your offering in the plates near the welcome table or entrances.
- Microphones, instruments and equipment will not be shared.
- Sunday School will be offered as a “one room Sunday School” in Randolph Hall or outside. Volunteers and students will be masked.
- Nursery Care is not available at this time.
- To avoid spreading the virus, the congregation will be encouraged to hum along to songs while wearing masks.
- The choir, praise band and solo singers will perform live with singing masks.
- The Handbell ringers and all instrumental music will be available for live music.

What to bring to worship

- Please bring and wear a mask when indoors. Additional masks and hand sanitizer will be available.
- Please print out and bring the Sunday bulletin with you.
- Please maintain distance between groupings, including following the marked areas for sitting.
- Please welcome each other by offering a sign of peace, but do not shake hands or hug. Please keep socializing indoors to a minimum, fellowship time is best outside.
- Please wear a mask when you are in the building.

If you have traveled outside of NJ to one of the states NJ has deemed a hotspot within the past two weeks, please do not attend unless you have quarantined for 14 days.

Please stay home if you are not feeling well, have recently been exposed to the coronavirus or are not feeling well

