

St. Peter's Pikeland UCC will begin allowing worshipers to return to church starting with the service on Sunday, July 5th. Even though Chester County is now in the "green phase," we won't yet be able to return to our pre-pandemic, normal kind of Sunday morning. Below are the restrictions and safety measures for the reopening of our church:

- Everyone entering the church must wear a mask during the service. One-time use masks will also be available at the entrance of the church, if needed
- There will be no greeter or ushers at the door, but the following will be in each entrance: hand sanitizer, bulletins, and offering baskets.
- When finding a place to sit, households may sit together. However, all others must sit a minimum of six feet apart. This means only three in a pew, if not from the same household.
- Every other pew will be closed off to prevent someone sitting directly behind someone else.
- At least for awhile, there will be no congregational hymn singing, as it has been determined that singing spreads the coronavirus more than normal speaking. Kat will be asking various members to sing hymns up front, well away from the pews.
- The balconies will be closed, unless more seating is needed. Then, only the parking lot side will be opened.
- In the downstairs bathrooms, please restrict use to one person at a time.
- After the service, waste baskets will be available in the entrances for your bulletins.
- Please do not congregate in the aisles or entrances for conversations.
- There will be no fellowship time after the worship services. However, it's understood that some may want to have a conversation outside. Even then, we encourage masks and social distancing.
- All door handles, stair railings, tops of pews, and bathroom fixtures will be wiped down with disinfectant before the service.
- Bibles and hymnals will be removed from the pews.
- Nursery care will not be available.
- If you are not feeling well, please stay home and enjoy the service online.
- If you think that you may have been exposed to the coronavirus, please wait a minimum of two weeks to come to church.