

SALEM'S SMART PLAN

(new policies as of September 22, 2021)

As we continue indoor worship services, we are putting some new guidelines in place with respect and kindness to our neighbors foremost in our minds.

- We acknowledge that everyone has their own level of risk tolerance, and that many are not comfortable attending an indoor service. Services will continue to be streamed live on FB, posted on our website and also be available on DVD.
- PLEASE stay home if you are experiencing any symptoms of COVID-19 or any other illness.
- Because we are not asking vaccination status, and our youngest community members are not yet eligible for a vaccine, **masks will be required for everyone over the age of 4. Masks must be tightly fitted and worn properly (completely covering the nose and mouth).**
- Because we may need to do contact tracing, everyone will sign in upon entering the building for worship services.
- Hand sanitizer will be available at entrance.
- All outside doors and windows will be open during worship services. No fans will be used.
- There will not be a capacity limit; however, we ask you maintain social distancing in the pews.
- Those who are comfortable doing so are encouraged to join in singing and group speaking during the service.
- Pastor Loren will be unmasked when he is behind the altar or pulpit (most of the service).
- In order to reduce touched surfaces/traffic:
 1. Communion will be taken from the pews using the individually packaged elements.
 2. Offerings will be collected in a basket on the way out the door; there will also be a basket for recycling bulletins and a garbage can for empty communion cups.
 3. Coat hangers have been taken down; take coats into pews if you have one.
 4. Bathroom doors will be propped open.
 5. Masked fellowship will be allowed outside only (no treats or coffee will be served at this time).
 6. Nursery will be closed until further notice.
- A regular cleaning schedule for the building has resumed.
- Salem's small groups (quilters, committees, bible studies, Faith Formation etc.) can meet in the Family Room with the doors and windows open. Please follow CDC guidelines regarding masking for all individuals.
- Until further notice, special events not hosted by Salem need to be approved by Salem's SMART Team.
- If you want a vaccination but have been unable to get to an appointment, please call the church office and we will arrange assistance for you!