

Dear Bush Creek COB friends and families,

We are excited that on **July 5<sup>th</sup>** @ 10:30 am the Bush Creek Church of the Brethren will gather together again! We will worship and praise God! We will pray together and lift our voices proclaiming God's holy name!

It has been nearly four months since we have met in our Sanctuary due to the COVID19 outbreak. We are so happy to report our congregation has remained virus free. To ensure we stay virus free, a Reopening Team was formed with the Board's approval.

Our Reopening Guidelines developed with the help of many voices and takes a responsible approach to in person gathering. If conditions change, we will adjust our guidelines. Please familiarize yourself with the attached Reopening Guidelines so you know what to expect when you return for worship in our Sanctuary.

At this time we will not be having Sunday School classes for adults or children. We will also not be able to offer a nursery. We hope to be able to reconsider these areas very soon. If you are bringing children with you for worship please consider bringing materials for them to use.

Sincerely,

The COVID-19 Reopening Team:

Dean Thews, Safety Coordinator for BCCOB, Crystal Herbert, Diana Frank,  
Chontelle Hockenbery, Beth Green

Attachment (1) – Reopening Guidelines for Bush Creek Church of the Brethren

**Reopening Guidelines  
for Bush Creek Church of the Brethren**

- 1) Please check to see that you are well at home, please do not come if you are not feeling well. Conditions may include but not limited to coughing, sneezing, and fever.
- 2) Please do not come if you have had a known exposure to a COVID-19 patient in the last 14 days.
- 3) When you arrive by yourself or with family please keep your social distance from other members or families... "Remember, 6 feet apart!" All should enter on the side of the church.
- 4) Please have a facial covering on your face before entering the church. The covering or mask must stay on your face the entire time while you're in the church, and until you leave the building. **Masks are required by law in public buildings.**
- 5) If you do not have a mask, please take one from the table outside. Please put it on before you enter the building.
- 6) We encourage you to use the hand sanitizer located on the table outside.
- 8) You may leave your offering in the basket on the right as you enter the Sanctuary.
- 9) The church broadcasts LIVE at 10:30. Please try to be seated by then. The Fellowship Hall will be set up virtually for overflow.
- 10) The Pastor leading the service, the worship assistant, and the music vocalist will not be wearing facial coverings and will be keeping a greater distance from the seated congregation and each other.
- 11) We ask when the service is over please try to distance as you leave.
- 12) You may want to bring your own Bible as Bibles and Hymnals will be removed from the Sanctuary.
- 13) Rows will be roped off to help with distancing.
- 14) If you should become sick with COVID-19 after attending a worship service, PLEASE NOTIFY the church office. If Donna is not available please contact Dean Thews at 301-655-1911. Your name will be kept confidential. We will notify the congregation of the service(s) the infected individual attended.

***Thank you for your help and attention to all of our reopening guidelines. Because of your help we can do our best to make sure our entire congregation remains safe.***

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