

Information to Re-open Bridgenorth United Church (Tentative Date: Sept. 12, 2021 - Depending on Covid 19 Number's)

Things to know before you come to Church that day:

- If you have any Covid 19 symptoms (fever, respiratory illness, cough, shortness of breath, chills, sore throat, aches and pains, etc.)
- If you have travelled anywhere outside our area, or have been near anyone that has been.
- You have been tested for Covid 19, and waiting for results, or have been near anyone that has.

IF ANY OF THE ABOVE, PLEASE DO NOT COME TO THE CHURCH

- A mask is mandatory, masks are available at the door.
- There will be a line up outside the church - keeping 2m distance, and someone will be screening you at the door (the above Covid 19 screening questions).
- When screened, you may enter the church and use the hand sanitizer available at the door.
- Your name and contact information will be entered in the Log book.
- The Usher, will then guide you to a seat, by yourself and other members of your household where possible. Please self distance throughout the service (No hugs or handshaking).
- When time to leave the Sanctuary, the usher will guide everyone out. Make sure to continue self distancing. Use the hand sanitiser on the way out the door. Please self distance outside as well, if you wish to visit after the service.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- We have a very limited amount of seating (52 chairs only), due to Covid 19 Protocol restrictions. This is not our choice, but restrictions that are necessary for us to be able to attend the Church service in person. Seats will be first come, first serve. Services will be streamed live on Facebook. Videos will be available on Facebook and the church website as well following the service.
- We ask that you do not come early for the service, as we won't be starting the screening process until 15-20 minutes before the Service. IF we find that our numbers are too large for our capacity, we may have to start a RSVP system, before the Sunday Service.
- We will be using the main floor of the Church only, the rest of the church will be taped off. The upstairs washroom will be the only one available. (If you need to use the washroom , we ask you to use the sanitizer wipes following use to wipe surfaces used (such as the taps, toilet flusher, light switch, door handles and toilet seat).
- The Minister and Musicians will be at the front of the Sanctuary, following 2m distancing. Singing will be permitted with masks on.
- Words for prayers, readings and hymns will be projected on the screen at the front of the church as usual. If you have trouble seeing the words on the screen, attendees can use a Tablet or Smartphone and the church WIFI to display the words. The church WIFI name and password will be posted on the projection screen at the beginning of the service. To do this, open a Browser on your device (Edge, Firefox, Google Chrome, Apple Safari...), put the following address into the Address or Search bar and the words will be displayed on your device: 192.168.1.103:4316/stage
- Worshippers living at the same address or in the same "bubble" will be seated together, but are required to socially distance with the rest of the Congregation.
- Offering Plates will be located in the Narthex, as the plates will not be passed. The offering will be counted 72 hours after service, and locked in the safe until then.
- Once Worshippers are screened at the door, Ushers will show attendees to their seats (starting from front to back of Sanctuary), using the set of doors on the right hand side.
- Following the Service, exiting the building will be guided by the Ushers and starting from the back of the Sanctuary to the front and leaving through the opposite set of doors.
- There will be no Coffee or Fellowship following the Service. (No Hugging or handshaking.
- Worshippers will be encouraged to once again use the Hand sanitizer on the way out the doors.

- Church School:** No Church school, at this time. Tentative start date Oct. 17, 2021
- Library:** Closed temporarily. We will assess, as Covid 19 - eases up.
- Nursery:** Used only for changing Babies Diapers with the change table sanitized before and after using the wipes provided.
- Other Groups:** All Groups, other than Trent Child Care (as above) and Church Committees, will not be using our facility at this time (scouting groups, AA Groups, etc.) This will be reassessed once Covid-19 eases.

Preparation before weekly Church Service (By the Reopening Committee)

- All unused areas taped off.
- All cleaning and sanitized completed.
- Signs will be put up regarding Masks needed, hand sanitizing, self distancing 2m, and symptoms of illness to be reported.
- Mark sidewalk outside, with 2m distancing.
- One Greeter for outside (inside door when cold weather is here), to greet worshippers (15 to 20 minutes before the service) , confirm that everyone is wearing masks correctly, and maintaining a safe distance.
- Two Greeters inside the door, 1st Greeter to do Medical screening with Worshippers (the above Covid 19 screening questions). If "Yes" to any of the questions the worshipper will not be allowed to attend the Church service. 2nd Greeter to write down contact information and hand out hand sanitiser.
- 2 Ushers will be available each Sunday to Usher worshippers to their seats, after being checked in at the door.
- All materials (Hymn books, etc.) will be removed from all seats.
- One person will be in charge of lights, lighting candles, etc.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE AND COOPERATION. OUR HOPE IS THAT WE CAN KEEP EVERYONE SAFE AND CONTINUE TO WORSHIP GOD IN THE COMFORT OF OUR BEAUTIFUL SANCTUARY