

Report of the Re-Opening Task Force

July 15, 2020

The task force has been meeting weekly, studying how our church can safely re-open. We have been kept informed by Pastor Joanne how local and other Presbytery churches are facing opening and the considerations that must be addressed prior to opening. We have studied what the county, state, and our insurance company have recommended and required. As of now, there have been no requirements outside the county, state's and insurance company's requirements.

We hope that you have taken the opportunity to complete the [online survey](https://www.fpcnapa.org/re-opening-task-force) on the Re-Opening page of the website: <https://www.fpcnapa.org/re-opening-task-force>. So far, results from that survey reflect a whole spectrum of feelings about re-opening, including how and when to re-open. They mirror the feelings of the task force which range from "open tomorrow" to "maybe, but not for a VERY long time."

The task force has determined the following recommendations:

- When we re-open, it will be with a combined service, including both traditional and contemporary styles of worship. Still to be determined is whether we will be live-streaming our in-person worship service. We will continue to offer some form of online worship, using Zoom or other platforms, in order to include those who are unable to attend in person.
- Our situation of being very short staffed adds to the consideration of when to open. More full-time trained personnel will allow for the needed hours to produce a live and a live-streamed/zoom presentation.
- Because of AV needs, we will meet in the Sanctuary.
- Masks will be required by congregants and all volunteers. Some have been purchased for congregants who might need them.
- Portable touchless hand sanitizer dispensers and the alcohol for them have been purchased to be put at the entrances and available to move to future locations as needed.
- UV sterilizing wands have been purchased to sterilize the pews and sanctuary.
- Foot traffic flow to minimize contact has been considered.
- Social distance seating will be required. We may use a reservation or seating chart program.
- There will be no gathering or food in the welcome center.
- Many volunteers will be needed to control traffic, seating, bathroom use.

The Task Force will be compiling and sending out a new survey closer to our opening date in order to gather volunteers to participate in creating a safe and meaningful worship experience.

Please contact the Task Force through Pastor Joanne (email: pastorjoanne@fpcnapa.org) for any further details.