

Hanover Church of the Brethren is reopening on June 21, 2020, 10:30 am service with “physical distancing.”

## Reopening Guidelines

Your Safety is our Priority

General reopening recommendations:

1. everyone is to wear a face mask on church property during time of services(may take it off if speaking to the congregation/safe distance)
2. masks will be available for those who don't have one
3. there will be no passing of the peace, handshakes or hugs
4. we encourage the use of hand sanitizer in the narthex and at back door entrance
5. sanctuary and any used rooms will be thoroughly cleaned on a regular basis
6. nursery and toddler room will be closed for now
7. if anyone has concerns/suggestions about the reopening process, call church office or a member of the executive committee

Sunday School

1. to avoid cleaning the entire classroom area, **SS will remain closed until later in the summer**

Worship Services

1. 10:30 worship services will restart **June 21**
2. there will be no greeters for now
3. there will be no choir during the reopening
4. seating will be every third pew- families may sit together and non-family in a pew will stay 6 feet apart(if more space is needed overflow can go to choir area, balcony or portable chairs in front of sanctuary) \*\*video and audio of the services could be projected to F H screen but would not be immediately available
5. hymnals will be absent from the pews and words will be projected for now
6. the children's story will be given, but the children should remain in their pews at a safe distance (small children may stand on their pew- families would be encouraged to sit closer to the front) **NO SNACKS WILL BE GIVEN AT END OF STORY**
7. there will be no “children's church”
8. children should bring their own toys or books since the toy bags in the narthex will be removed
9. during announcements or sharing of joys and concerns, the microphone will not be passed but a floor mounted microphone will be available near the front of the sanctuary( we encourage announcements to be given to secretary for bulletin)
10. offering plates will be at the back of the sanctuary(plates will not be passed)
11. at the end of the service, the back rows will be dismissed first
12. the Pastor will not be at the back of the sanctuary to greet people
13. services will be taped and posted for those who don't yet feel safe in attending
14. increased ventilation in the sanctuary(open windows) will be utilized
15. we encourage parking lot talk after service- out in the open air