

To the beloved members and friends of Bethel UCC,

As most of us are aware - Covid cases are on the rise again. In response to this, our church leadership has decided to take a few extra precautions.

Bethel UCC Guidelines

Recent CDC Guidelines are in Italics

1. *Wash or disinfect hands when entering the church.*
2. *Wear a mask that covers both the nose and the mouth. Masks may be removed once you're socially distanced in your seat, but **must** be worn while singing.*
3. *Social distance at least 6 feet except if you're with people you reside.*
4. *Contracting COVID through touching objects is very low especially if you use hand sanitizers or wash hands. Therefore we will use our hymnals, and the cushions will remain in place.*
5. *The bulletins are in the Narthex. Just help yourselves.*
6. *Bring your own sacraments for communion. There will be some available for those who need them.*
7. *Handwashing or hand disinfection is the number one way to avoid contracting or spreading COVID*
8. *Do not congregate in the aisles. Please leave the church after the service. **Bundle up! We'll be socializing outside.***
9. *Wash or disinfect hands when leaving the church.*
10. *Make good decisions in regards to you, your loved ones, and other members of Bethel if you decide to attend worship in-person.*

We recognize that Covid precautions are uncomfortable and want everyone to know that hospitality and safety are high priorities among Bethel UCC and its leadership. A serious approach to these precautions allows us to keep meeting in person responsibly. We are hopeful that these new precautions will be temporary and will continue to assess the health and safety of those who join us in worship and fellowship.

In the love of Christ,

Pastor Zoe & Bethel Executive Committee