

Franconia Mennonite Church

Planning for Fall 2020

August 26, 2020

The Pastoral Team has developed the following plan for expanded in-person gatherings at the meetinghouse. The basic policy for all inside activities is that *non-related persons maintain physical separation of 6 ft or wear a face-covering over nose and mouth.*

SUNDAY WORSHIP: Continue the current practice – in-person & livestreaming; re-configure available benches for additional seating; prepare for overflow seating in the foyer.

YOUTH – JR & SR HIGH:

Sunday School – 9-10am, beginning Sept. 13

- Meet in the downstairs Jr. and Sr. High rooms.
- Wear masks for arrival & departure; may be removed while seated.
- Seating will be spread out; the Jr. and Sr. High rooms allow for this.

Events

- Jr. High and Sr. High are planning events for the Fall like normal. Some locations have restrictions (numbers, mask, etc). We will abide by the guidelines that locations ask of us.

ADULT BFGS:

One Large-group BFG class – 9-10am, beginning Sept. 13. This proposal is for Q1 (Sept, Oct, Nov), to be reevaluated for Q2 or if conditions change which merit reevaluation.

- Meet in the auditorium with the same precautions as Sunday morning service: physically-distanced seating, face-coverings when coming in, not while seated.
- The class will feature live instruction from an in-person teacher. The specific content is TBD, but it will be a Bible study of some kind.
- Exploring the option of live-streaming the class for those who want to join remotely.

Other options: If a BFG does not want to participate in the large-group option and would prefer meeting with their regular class:

- (a) *Online option.* Classes can continue to meeting via Zoom.
- (b) *UFH option.* Classes can meet in the UFH on a day/time agreed upon by the group (non-Sunday AM).
- (c) *House option.* Classes can meet in homes. Face-coverings and physical distancing recommended.
- (d) *Classroom option.* Classes can meet in regular BFG rooms. Face-coverings and physical distancing required.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY: In process...

We are in the process of exploring ways in which we can safely offer children's Sunday school classes again. We have decided to move classrooms around and utilize rooms that have windows we can open. Singing time will be put on hold for the time being. In classrooms we will have hand sanitizer available for use before and after class. We also ask that both teachers and students wear masks since we are not able to practice social distancing. Classroom toys, tables and common areas will be wiped down with Clorox wipes at the end of class. Labeled individual supply bags will be made up for each student's use. Our main obstacle is finding enough teachers to cover our classes.

Thank you for your patience as we navigate these new recommendations.

COMMITTEES, CLUBS, AND CELEBRATE RECOVERY:

CR has been meeting in-person since mid-July with basic safety protocols of distance, face-coverings and sanitation. No coffee. Committees and Clubs can gather in the meetinghouse in spaces large enough for **OVER** distance or wearing facecoverings.

NURSERY, CHILD CARE & COFFEE FELLOWSHIP: Not available at present.