

# Rollstone Congregational Church

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## Re-opening of the Church building

Dear Members and Friends of Rollstone Congregational Church,

We are excited to plan for the re-opening of the church facility for worship services and other opportunities/gatherings, and would like for your input. Please respond to the questionnaire that follows. Below are some of the facts/rules which we will be operating under for the near foreseeable future.

### Rules for opening our church:

- 1) Social distancing will be followed by maintaining the recommended 6 foot rule.
- 2) Groups must be limited to a maximum of four (4) non-related people in a group.
- 3) There will be organ and piano music, but there will be no congregational singing or choir. We will continue to explore pre-recorded music that may be played in the worship service.
- 4) The passing of an offering plate is frowned upon, thus we will have a designated plate or basket where each person may drop their offering at the beginning or conclusion of the service.
- 5) Passing of the communion plates (bread and juice) are highly discouraged. To address this we will be purchasing individually prepared juice and wafer sets that can be picked up as you enter the sanctuary on communion Sunday.
- 6) There will be no passing of the peace, and we ask that all refrain from personal contact with anyone that is not from your own household or family.
- 7) Worship bulletins will be available, please take it home with you to dispose of it after the service.
- 8) Respond to the questions that will be asked of you when you enter the church building.
- 9) There will be NO ANNOUNCEMENTS from microphones other than those by the lay liturgist, moderator, or pastor. This is because we will not be passing the microphone about the congregation for people to speak. All prayer requests and joys should be shared by utilizing the prayer/joy request forms or conveying the information to the moderator (Paul Stansel) , Linda Haas, or the pastor. Please DO NOT come up onto the altar unless you are the liturgist, leadership, or pastor.
- 10) DO NOT change the seating pattern designed for worship use.
- 11) There is only the handicapped rest rooms available for use. After using the rest room please wash your hands for a minimum of 20 seconds and use the disinfecting sheets to wipe the handles when leaving the rest room.
- 12) Due to the commonwealths guidelines we are not permitted at this time to have fellowship. This is required to prevent large groups from assembling within the church building. We will implement some social gathering once we are permitted.
- 13) Respect each others space.
- 14) If you are not feeling well or tested positive for COVID-19, please stay home until you are better.
- 15) REJOICE – we are here to worship and praise God.
- 16) KEEP YOUR MASK ON AT ALL TIMES UPON ENTERING THE BUILDING.
- 17) Use the hand sanitizer that is being made available at the church entrances.
- 18) Only use the entrance through Cookman Hall as you enter the building, and proceed to the sanctuary once you have answered the questions.
- 19) Clean up after yourself once it is time to leave the building. Please DO NOT leave anything in your pews
- 20) Just in case we didn't mention it clearly enough: REJOICE – REJOICE – REJOICE