



Hello Kelleytown Church Family,

I pray this edition of the Advent finds you doing well. I pray this finds you healthy and hopeful. I pray this finds you trusting fully in the person and power of King Jesus.

I have done several videos on our church Facebook page passing along information about church as we get it and make decisions. I'm sure that everyone is aware of the COVID outbreak that we have experienced. I've heard several numbers about how many in our church family have contracted the virus. I was one of them, but am back to normal and back to work for about two weeks now. I praise the Lord that the majority of our church family who have had the virus so far, seem to have had mostly mild symptoms. We've had several in the hospital. We had several who went to the emergency room. It is my understanding that many have already fully recovered and are back to "normal" life. Please join me in continuing to pray for those who are still impacted by the virus. Let us know how you and your family are doing and how we can pray for you during these challenging days.

In the video I did on Monday morning (11/2/20) and the video I did on Tuesday (11/3/20) I spoke about where we are as a church, what we are doing, and some of the decisions we are in the process of making. I want to share that information with you in this way also.

Our options as I see them.

1. Stay online only indefinitely. (No one is in favor of this option and it has been taken off the table.)
2. Go back to outdoor services for a period of time (November) weather permitting. Inclement weather would move us inside for that week. (*We are going to do outside worship services the month of November, weather permitting.*)
3. Open the building back up for worship services. Continue to prayerfully develop a plan of operation for a more normal church schedule. (*We are planning to reinstate worship indoors in December.*)

What steps have we taken so far?

1. Closed public gathering for 3 weeks. (The church buildings were closed for worship October 12-November 1.)
2. Had the whole facility professionally cleaned.
3. Purchased a fogger machine and chemicals to clean the sanctuary, hallways, and children's ministry rooms weekly. (Need a team to carry out this cleaning weekly.)
4. Ordered touchless hand sanitizing stations (4) to place throughout the facility.
5. Establish and maintain a stricter cleaning regimen between the two worship services.

What are appropriate steps to reassure our church family and community that we are doing everything we can to keep people safe and healthy when we reopen our facility to weekend worship?

1. Require masks during the 9am service. (*The deacons and I will be meeting on Sunday November 22 to make some final decisions about our worship gathering inside.*)
2. Request masks during the 10:30 (11am) service but not require it.
3. Asks that mask be worn by all as they move about the facility prior to and upon leaving the facility. (*We understand that some cannot wear masks due to preexisting health conditions, and we understand that some may willfully choose not to wear mask.*)
4. Establish a seating capacity in the sanctuary considering social distancing. Track attendance and close the sanctuary when capacity has been reached. Move people to overflow area or ask them to watch from their car on livestream. (Need a team of greeters/ushers to make this happen.) (*This is a step that we may decide to take coming out of the November 22 meeting.*)
5. Remind people to sanitize sufficiently and keep social distancing as much as possible.

The CDC updated their suggested guidelines for churches on Thursday October 29, 2020. Having read them multiple times, I believe we are going above and beyond their suggestions as a church. We will continue to do all we can to keep people as safe as possible while still having in person worship services.

As we gather again in person on Sunday morning, I would encourage all who are able and willing to come worship the Lord Jesus with us for our outdoor worship service. We need each other. If you are sick or just not feeling your best, please stay home. Worship with us online via Facebook. We will have the service uploaded to our website as quickly as possible. Practice social distancing and when social distancing is not possible wear a mask.

I'm praying for you all. God bless you.

Serving Him,

Pastor Mike



Before the craziness of the Christmas season begins, take some time to focus on the true meaning of Christmas, Jesus! The Manger Project is an event where families come together for a hands-on Christmas tradition of building a manger. This manger is placed in your home as a reminder of what Christmas is really about! More information on the church website. Cost is \$10 per manger kit. Sign up required by Nov 29th. Social distancing guidelines implemented.

