

Mifflinburg Church of the Nazarene

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Yellow Stage Return Policy As of May 8, 2020

- We will plan to comply with all of the Pennsylvania State Governmental requirements regarding assembling. This includes following guidelines for the current yellow stage: 25 or less people together, respecting a 6 foot distance as much as possible, and minimizing personal contact as much as possible.
- We understand that there are a variety of other cautions that people feel and will follow. We will encourage full respect of those who are either more cautious or less cautious than ourselves.
- As Christians, we are to be considerate of one another. Romans 12:10 is instructive: "*Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves*".
- We want those that are a part of our Church family to feel comfortable with their timing and level of re-engagement without any pressure either way.
- Our plan is to move cautiously toward reopening and know that our decisions about reopening will be adjusted as the events around us warrant. As such we plan for a gradual return to activities and meeting together and can accelerate or slow down these plans as we move forward.

Our Sunday Morning Worship Service:

We will continue to offer online Sunday morning worship services during this yellow stage without change. Numerous ways to connect have been established and will continue. Our Website (www.miffnaz.org) will always contain the latest information about how to access Church resources.

In lieu of the new guidelines allowing up to 25 people to gather, there may be those who would like to attend a service.

- a. For those that do come, we will ask that they follow the 6 foot distancing guidelines for anyone that they are not already in very close contact with.
- b. Those that attend must realize that we will be in a broadcast mode. Therefore, the Sanctuary will have physical and viewing obstructions, in the front, and not as conducive to worship as normal.
- c. Anyone who would like to attend needs to call Pastor Krell (570-713-5585) ahead of time to be added to a list in order to keep track of the total number of those coming and ask those that are above the 25 number to plan to come the following week (or to attend Thursday Night Prayer Meeting) instead. This will allow a rotation for

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those that want to attend during this phase and also help us to follow the current guidelines.

- d. Hand Sanitizers, wipes, masks, and gloves will be available at the entrance doors, bathrooms, and other appropriate places and we would encourage their use.
- e. We will block the entrance and sanctuary doors open before the service so as to minimize physical contact between hands on handles, etc...
- f. We will have at least two Security/Greeter Team members present for these near future services to assist people who come in and advise if they are not sure what our policy is.
- g. Offering Plates will be located near the Sanctuary Doors and will not be passed during the service.
- h. We will ask those that attend to sit in the front 10 rows on either side. These front 10 rows will be wiped down (sanitized) between Services as well as doors, bathrooms, etc...The back 14 rows will be roped off during this phase.

For other groups who would like to resume meeting on Church Property

1. We will encourage the use of a larger space (such as the Fellowship Hall) so that attendees may spread out and maintain 6' of space.
2. Activities will need to be scheduled (through Pastor Krell) to accommodate not overlapping various groups and classes, and to afford time for hard surfaces to be sanitized between events.
3. We will reiterate the need for following the distancing guidelines for all Church events and we will act in accordance with the general guidelines and recommendations of our health officials.

In all things, we will be respectful of others, promote the unity of the Church, and seek God's Will for our Worship and Fellowship in all we do.

Grace and Peace,



Pastor Wayne Krell & the Church Board of the Mifflinburg Church of the Nazarene