

Guidelines to Open Worship at Emmanuel UCC during the time of COVID-19

**Emmanuel UCC in New Berlin welcomes in-person attendance at 9:30 am Sunday worship services,
for those who feel comfortable doing so.**

The following rules will be used until new rules are adopted.

- Everyone is welcome at the live service. Nobody will be refused entrance to the church. Services will continue to be broadcast on the phone and video will be posted on the church website. The video will focus on the service and will try not to include members of the congregation.
- Out of concern for the health and safety of those in attendance, the guidelines below are strongly encouraged.
- Entering and leaving Only the breezeway doors will be used at the present time. Each Sunday, a designated person will be stationed at the breezeway doors, to open the doors so that worshipers do not have to touch the doors. The doors can be propped open, weather permitting.
- A person will be stationed in the social room to guide and assist visitors.
- Hand sanitizer will be available at several places throughout the building. Worshipers should use hand sanitizer after touching any surface (for example, after using the bathroom).
- Please wear your mask when entering, or leaving, or moving from place to place.
- Bulletins will be available at the sanctuary entrance, for each person to pick up as they enter.
- Please maintain social distance when entering or leaving the sanctuary.
- People should refrain from personal contact, such as shaking hands or hugging. Waving, bowing, and curtsying are good ways to greet each other.
- Please sit in the marked pews.
- Masks are recommended but not required in the sanctuary.
- Collection plates will be available at the back of the sanctuary. The people who collect and count the offering should wear gloves.
- Family groups should sit together and sit at least 6 feet away from other groups. The 6-foot distance will be accomplished if people sit in the marked pews and at alternate ends of the pews.
- Communion will not be offered in the traditional methods.
- *Congregational singing with masks will resume on Sunday, May 2.*
- *Social Hour following worship with masks and social distancing will resume on Sunday, May 9.*

The church will only be used for Sunday service.

That will ensure that live virus does not survive on surfaces. (The virus can survive for 1-3 days on most surfaces, and at most 5 days on any surface.)