



**Driftless Regional Ministry**  
**Liberty Pole, New Hope, & Retreat**  
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## **Worship Protocols in the age of COVID**

The Liberty Pole, New Hope, & Retreat UMCs are committed to the safety and health of all who walk through the doors of our sanctuaries. The following procedures have been developed for providing worship during this new age of COVID. All of these procedures will be re-evaluated weekly and modified as circumstances in our area guides us.

1. Plan to arrive a few minutes early to allow for the check in process.
2. When you arrive at church, park and come to the main entry door.
3. You will need to wear a mask. If you do not have a mask, you may have a fabric mask donated by one of our seamstresses that you can use and take home to launder and wear the next week. We also have disposable paper masks for you to wear.

4. A volunteer will ask you health questions:

- \* Have you had close contact (less than six feet) with a person you believe may have been exposed to CoVid 19 or who is exhibiting symptoms of the virus?
- \* Have you travelled outside of the US in the past 14 days?
- \* Have you travelled outside of the counties immediately bordering Vernon County in the past 14 days? If so, what were the conditions of your travel?
- \* Are you experiencing any of these symptoms *beyond what is normal for you*:

Myalgia – muscle aches  
Malaise – severe tiredness  
Severe headache  
Cough – onset in the last seven days  
Shortness of breath  
Fever or chills in the last 24 hours  
Loss of taste and or smell  
Gastrointestinal issues



***If you answer yes to any of these questions,  
you will not be able to worship in the sanctuary this week.***





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5. Do not touch the door handle. Only the greeter will open the door. You will be asked to apply hand sanitizer on entry. Gloves are not required, but are available if you need them. Gloves are for your protection only.
6. Inside the sanctuary, you will be assigned a pew. Seating will be from front to back. Your location in the sanctuary will be recorded. The capacity of the sanctuary will be limited. If you are in a family group that has had consistent contact among households, please enter and sit together.
7. The service will feel very different. We will not sing hymns, although we can have a soloist, so if you would like to provide special music, please contact Pastor Pam.
8. Pastor will remove her mask at the beginning of the service to facilitate hearing.
9. We will have spoken responses and prayers.
10. For the time being, there will be no Sunday School. The children's message will be given from the front. Children will remain with adults in the pews for the entire service. Please bring your own activity bag for your child.
11. Communion will still be offered on the first Sunday of the month. We will have Communion-of-the-One which is bread-only. No juice will be offered. All participants are asked to bring their own bread from home. Individually wrapped pieces of bread will be available for guests and those that are unable to bring their own or simply forgot.
12. Place your offering in the plate as you enter or exit the sanctuary.
13. No coffee hour or fellowship time.
14. At the conclusion of the service, you will be dismissed by rows, back row first.
15. If you use the restroom facility, please note the specific guidelines at each building.

**If you have questions about any of these protocols,**  
**please contact Pastor Pam: (608) 648-2528 or [pastor@driftlessministry.org](mailto:pastor@driftlessministry.org).**