



# Grace United Methodist Church

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Friends of Vermilion Grace United Methodist Church,

Our church will now, as of July 8, 2020, be moving into Phase 2B for our safe re-entry of the church building and property for group use.

In Phase 2B, committees and small groups of 10 people or less will be granted permission to use our indoor facilities, chiefly the fellowship hall and west-end restrooms. The Bliss Pavilion, the Memorial Prayer Garden, and our parking lot are still open for meeting spaces and we highly encourage the use of outside facilities over gathering in the building.

Remember that we are encouraging all groups and group leaders to consider the safety of their members before deciding to meet in person. Meeting in person should not be a requirement for participation in any group. Our pavilion and fellowship hall have WiFi access. Zoom or call-in options are available for mixed in-person and virtual meetings. Please talk to the Pastor to assist in setting this up. Groups are more than welcome to continue meeting exclusively via virtual means.

Phase 2B Directives:

- Committees and small groups must consist of 10 people or less, and can meet in the pavilion, the parking lot, or in the church fellowship hall
- All individuals who are not of the same household must be spaced at least 6 feet apart.
  - In the pavilion and the fellowship hall, individuals are to sit at different tables, keeping space between them.
  - If meeting in the parking lot, individuals are asked to bring their own lawn chairs and space themselves at least 6 feet apart.
- Each individual and/or group is encouraged to bring their own disinfectant and towel and/or wipes. The church will have available supplies as well.
  - When meeting in the pavilion or fellowship hall, each individual should wipe down their space before and after use.
  - When meeting in the fellowship hall, please have the convener of the meeting sign the cleaning spreadsheet outside the doors that the group disinfected their tables after use.
  - When the building is unlocked for inside access, the convener of the group should disinfect the door handles after the group is done meeting

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- All individuals are required to wear face masks that properly cover your mouth and nose.
    - Limited facemasks are available in individual bags in the pavilion and fellowship hall. Bringing your own facemask is highly encouraged. If you need a facemask, please contact your Shepherd or the church office.
  - Individuals who have symptoms of Covid-19 (a fever, a cough, shortness of breath, sneezing) should not enter the building. We encourage individuals to take their temperature at home before coming to the church. The church will have a no-touch thermometer available to take temperatures. Temperatures of 100.4 or higher should not come to the church or immediately leave the building.
  - We ask that papers are not shared between individuals. In case of study materials or agendas we ask that people either look at it on an electronic device or print it at home and bring it.
  - Public bathrooms are considered a high-risk area for Covid-19 transmission. Please limit to necessary use and be aware of the risk. Only one person in the bathroom at all times. Wash your hands.
  - Our prayer garden is open and available for individuals who desire a space for outside prayer and meditation. Please bring your own disinfectant/wipes and clean your area before and after use. If individuals are alone, you do not need to wear a mask. However, please bring one in case another person shows up to use the prayer garden. Please work to maintain 6 feet distance from other individuals.

Please contact the office and inform them of when and where your small group will meet before scheduling the meeting. If there is a change in location due to weather, please inform the office directly after.

Starting on July 8, 2020, Sueellen Bruhn will be having office hours inside the church building while she continues the rest of her work duties from home. Her new office hours are Wednesdays from 11AM – 3PM. Office hours will be re-visited and re-posted monthly. Church members are highly encouraged to continue to conduct business over the phone or email. If there is the need to physically go to the office, we recommend calling first to make an appointment. All visitors to the office will be asked to wear a mask. A divider has been put up between the office and the entryway. A chair will be available in the entryway for visitors.

Pastor Allison continues with her Pavilion Office hours on Wednesdays from 1-3PM. Please see the Phase 2A letter for guidelines regarding this meeting time.

We thank everyone for their patience during this time. We believe we must move forward with an abundance of caution out of love for our neighbors, caring for the vulnerable among us as Jesus calls us to do.

Sincerely,

Pastor Allison & The Safe Start Team

