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Dear Stony Creek Church Family,

Good news! We will reopen Sunday services in our building, God willing, on June 14. You can join us in person at Stony for either the 10:00AM or 11:30AM service, or, if you prefer, watch LIVE online at either time on our Facebook page or YouTube channel. Below are some health precautions we are taking and asking those joining in person to take. We recognize that within our church family people are at different levels of comfort and concern regarding the COVID-19 virus. Some of our measures go far enough for some and for others may seem excessive. Let's all strive for unity in Christ. As a church we are asking people to observe "social distancing" the best they can while at the building. We are maintaining our LIVE online option for those who are not ready to attend physically or prefer not to adhere to our guidelines. Either way, we will be worshipping together.

Here is the plan...

CLEANING: Normally our building is carefully cleaned by our outstanding Cleaning Team each week. But we have increased our efforts to sanitize and disinfect key, high-trafficked areas, including the auditorium, Kids' areas, doorknobs, handles, and bathrooms. We also have a plan for wiping down key surfaces (railings, check-in areas, drinking fountain, etc.) between services.

GREETING: Our pastors and greeters will encourage people to greet each other with a warm "hello" and to hold off on handshakes & hugs for now. Our Usher & Greeter team, Hospitality team, and Safety & Security team will be wearing masks for added caution. All inside doors will be open throughout the building and our ushers will handle the entrance door for folks. Hand sanitizer and Clorox wipes are available at both welcome/check-in desks. We will not have pastries available at this time. Coffee will be available and given extra care for sanitation. Our program and outline will be available on the YouVersion App. Paper copies of the program will be handed out by one usher with a mask and gloves. At our next communion celebration, we will have single portions of juice and wafers for communion.

KIDS' MINISTRY: Kids will go right to their own classes (no large "up front" gathering). Praise and main lesson will happen in each classroom. To create more room, the Bridge Class (5th and 6th graders) will be asked to stay with parents in the service. This provides another classroom if a class is becoming too crowded. There will be wipes & sanitizer at each check-in and in each class.

OFFERING: For the next several weeks we are going to suspend the passing of the offering pouch during services. Instead, offering buckets will be available in the back of the auditorium at the conclusion of the service. Online giving is also encouraged: Click "Online Giving" at my.stonycreek.church. Or you may send it via US mail.

If you are sick or not feeling well, watch our Sunday service online. For the elderly and people with autoimmune issues (or even those who will be interacting with people in these groups), it is stressed by the CDC to take extra precaution (which may include staying home or wearing a mask). If anyone is feeling it's best for their household to stay home—do so. We've taken many precautions. Please make choices according to your comfort level. If you attend in person, please follow the guidelines and procedures as stated above.

REMINDER (per the CDC instructions):

The best prevention for COVID-19, and any other virus, such as the cold or flu, is to...

- Wash your hands often with soap and warm water for 20 seconds.
- If not available, use hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth with unwashed hands.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or upper sleeve when coughing or sneezing.
- Avoid contact with people who are sick.
- If you are sick, please stay home and avoid contact with others.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

God Bless,

Rev. Chris Bourdeau, MDiv.
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