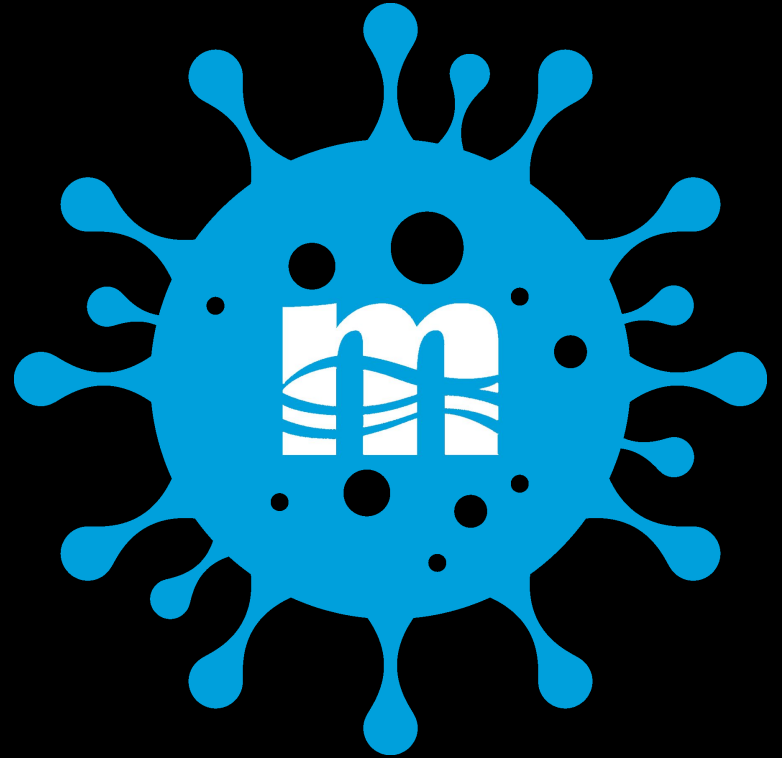


Minnehaha United Methodist Church

Reopening Plan
April 2021



Guiding Values

From John Wesley's "Simple Rules"

WE ARE A PEOPLE WHO DO NO HARM

We value the health and safety of our congregation, our staff and our visitors, and we understand that it will take flexibility from all to reopen fully

WE ARE A PEOPLE WHO DO ALL THE GOOD WE CAN

We value inclusion and offer in-person and online options of worship, education and fellowship as we regather with measured thoughtfulness

WE ARE A PEOPLE WHO STAY IN LOVE WITH GOD

We value love and strive to treat each other with respect, kindness and compassion as we navigate our comfort level for returning to church

Guiding Metrics - Why and How

Goal: Reopen as safely and soon as possible

The Minnehaha UMC Covid Task Force (comprised of staff and lay people) will monitor data and update recommendations for reopening.

The data from our guiding metrics will change over time and our church experiences and plans will change accordingly.

Guiding Metrics - Where do we look?

The Minnehaha UMC Covid Task Force will use the following metrics to guide our decisions for reopening:

- Minnesota Department of Health / Faith Leaders Update
- Minnesota Annual Conference Covid-Response Plan
- Hennepin County data

<https://www.hennepin.us/residents/emergencies/covid-public-dashboard>

So, WHAT does this look like?

Remember: this will change as needed

OUTDOOR WORSHIP RESUMES MAY 23rd

- Sundays at 10:00am in the Minnehaha Side Lawn
- One service, unless two services are warranted due to attendance
- Service is live-streamed and then available to watch online
- If raining, people stay home; worship leaders livestream the service from the sanctuary without a congregation

What do we need from YOU?

- Wear a face covering/mask
- Stay home if sick or exposed
- Practice physical distancing

Where should you sit for worship?

- Minimum six feet between households or pods
- Fully vaccinated people may sit together with friends whom they know are also fully vaccinated
- People encouraged to bring their own chairs or blankets; use of MUMC chairs is allowed, but chairs will be set up as people who need them arrive
- Ushers help people find places to sit that are an appropriate distance

Singing for Worship

- Musicians at least 10 feet away from congregation
- Congregation can hum along or sing softly into their masks while facing forward
- No choir

What we'll be doing to encourage physical distancing:

- Bulletins and offering buckets placed on a table for people to pick up and deposit donations
- Bulletins, attendance pads (or QR codes on bulletins) and name tags available on a variety of tables
- Spray disinfectant available for cleaning hands and before/after using pens
- No communion
- No refreshments served
- Children encouraged to remain where they are for children's message
- Playground closed during the service
- Bathrooms open; custodian will make sure that bathrooms are disinfected before Sunday morning

Worship, of course, is not the only way we come together. For all the other times – meetings, programming, practices, and more – we have broad guidelines for you. If you have questions about how these apply to your group – contact office@minnehaha.org

CHURCH GROUP GATHERINGS

Requirements for all Gatherings

Face covering/mask required

Stay home if sick or exposed

Physical distancing

Reservations required for indoor & outdoor spaces and for zoom use -
reserve at office@minnehaha.org

Outside Spaces

We have multiple outside areas available to gather.

Bring your own chairs if possible.

Bathroom available on main floor for use.

Reservations required.

Minnehaha Church Building.

Good things happen
inside this building,
and they happen outside, too.

Sign up to use our
outdoor spaces, using this
as your guide

Playground



Shed (chairs and
tools)

Backlawn



Sidelawn 1

Sidelawn 3

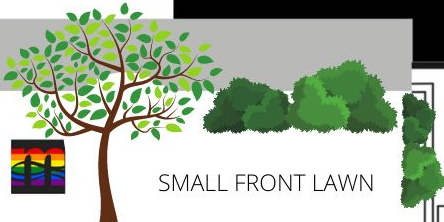
Sidelawn 2



PATIO

Bike Racks

SMALL FRONT LAWN



50th Street East

37th Avenue South

CLEARLY, this is not to scale. And, there are more trees, and other things, too. Use it as a reference, and indicate which area you are interested in reserving!

AREAS AVAILABLE TO RESERVE
(separately or together, depending on your group's needs):
Small front lawn, Patio, Sidelawn 1,
Sidelawn 2, Sidelawn 3, Backlawn

Inside Spaces

Available only for small groups (20 people or less) to reserve.

People in your group must be masked or fully vaccinated.

Observe appropriate distancing.

Windows open if possible.

Reservations required.

Online Options

Our zoom accounts continue, and you're welcome to use them.

Reservations Required.

The Covid Task Force is continually evaluating metrics, and will make updates as necessary.

**Decisions for Fall 2021 Programming
are yet to be made. Stay tuned.**