

On Sept. 19 Session discussed a variety of COVID-related ideas, and determined the following adaptations:



- We will **continue to mask** in the building during services and meetings, although small groups may mutually agree to remove masks. We will also continue our sign-in process, taking temperatures, and skipping a pew in the sanctuary for social distancing. We will also maintain our music ministry in its current form.
- We will **discontinue assigned seating** unless an individual requests a specific seat for accessibility reasons. There is ample seating available, and ushers will help folks find a seat if needed. We continue to encourage families with children to sit in the center or right side of the sanctuary.
- Session decided to **offer nametags at sign-in**. Several folks have noted the challenge of recognizing faces when masked and at a distance, especially when some individuals need to maintain greater social distancing to protect loved ones. We will have two colors of name tags available: **blue for general use**, and **red for those who need to maintain distance for health reasons**. We also want to remind folks that not everyone returning to worship is ready for hugs and handshakes, and to encourage asking before initiating closer contact.
- Session also wanted to **focus on our exit strategy from the sanctuary**. After worship, attendees are asked to exit by row as the usher releases you, and to attempt to maintain distance between other people while making progress towards the exits. We have three exits from the sanctuary, two in the narthex and one on the left side wall; you are encouraged to exit the one most convenient to you. Furthermore, individuals are asked to congregate outside and not to stay in the gathering space at this time, as the space is not conducive to socializing when others need room to exit.