

EPWORTH UMC INITIAL RE-OPENING COVENANT

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and first commandment, and a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

--Matthew 22:37-39

Do no harm, do good, and attend to the ordinances of God [the practices that help us to love God and others well].

--John Wesley

Out of love for our neighbors, intent to do no harm, and desire to spread the Word of God and not COVID-19, we as Epworth United Methodist Church make this covenant with one another for our return to on-site gatherings.

Epworth UMC's reopening committee and staff agree to establish the procedures and provide the needed materials to maintain a safe environment. They will ensure cleaning and disinfecting of the church facilities before and after use, provide face masks for those who need them, provide hand sanitizer for all who enter, facilitate social distancing, communicate plans, and implement all procedures for safety.

We as the people of Epworth UMC agree that for now:

- We will wear a face covering.
- We will socially distance according to markings and leaders' directions.
- We will sanitize hands upon arrival.
- We will not eat or drink during gatherings, except for Holy Communion.
- We will not sing together.
- We will stay home if anyone in our family is not feeling well or experiencing any symptoms (including fever, chills, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, cough, or loss of taste or smell). We will follow state and local guidelines on self-quarantine if our family travels.
- We will inform staff if a child, youth, or adult develops symptoms of the virus OR tests positive for the virus OR comes into contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 (especially family members).

I, _____, will do all of the above.

Date: _____

If the signee is in Children or Youth Ministries:

I, _____, will support my child/youth as they uphold this covenant.