

Dear Friends of Chelsea First,

Chelsea First established a re-opening task force in the earlier days of this pandemic to evaluate and make recommendations regarding the timing and safe gathering practices for in person worship and other activities being held inside the church building.

Considering the recent surge of COVID cases in our community, the task force is recommending that only activities being held in the church sanctuary continue to be held in person, and that online options should be pursued for any activities not planned to be held in the Sanctuary. The Administrative Council of Chelsea First fully supports and endorses this recommendation, which is effective immediately through Sunday, January 30, 2022.

Programs that will not be meeting in person include, but are not limited to, the Children's Connect program, Youth Outlet and Confirmation activities, choir and handbell rehearsals, and adult education classes. Please contact the leader of specific programs or activities if you are uncertain of its meeting status and arrangements.

Worship services will continue to be held as planned in the church sanctuary; masks will continue to be required while inside the church building, and proper distancing is expected. We encourage you to view the services online if you have any concerns or are uncomfortable with attending in person.

Please be assured that these changes are intended to be temporary and are being taken in the interest of keeping staff, volunteers, and participants safe. The re-opening task force will meet again prior to January 30 to evaluate COVID trends and will make further recommendations for activities beyond January 30.

I appreciate your care for yourselves and others and understanding as we continue to navigate these trying times.

Sincerely,

Mike Vanderspool

Administrative Council Chairperson