

August 11, 2020

Dear Beloved Church Family,

I bring you great news!

Groveport UMC is ready to move into our next phase of reopening. Our Church Reopening Exploration team met again on Monday August 10 and discussed where we are as a church in relation to the pandemic. While the numbers of COVID continue to rise, our world has grown tremendously in its ability to diagnose and treat the disease. Best practices have become norm in the grocery store, at the restaurant, and the zoo. In light of this, we feel it is time to take a baby step forward in allowing church groups to start using church space to meet in once again.

Starting Monday August 17, the Fellowship Hall of the church may be reserved for Youth group, share groups, Griefshare, Bible studies, meetings, etc. Please note that this does not include outside groups using our space. Groups that use the space will be responsible ensuring safety precautions are followed as well as being responsible for cleaning the space- including disinfecting tables and chairs. The use of this space will include the bathroom downstairs to be used, however, other parts of the church: the library, kitchen, and serendipity room will remain off limits. Without using tables the max number of people to be allowed in the space will be 20 and with using tables the number recommended is less to allow for 6 feet of social distancing at all times. Food and drink should not be brought and shared.

We are also excited to let you know that we are going to be trying an evening worship event on our front lawn. This will start sometime in September on a weeknight and will continue for a couple weeks. The worship event will be a time of prayer, devotional thought, and music. More details to be announced at a later point.

May God continue to guide us and use us as his vessel.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Jonathan Mann