

# GATHERING PLAN FOR THE MERRIMAN ROAD FAMILY

## *A note from your Pastor,*

Thank you for your patience and support during this unprecedented time. We know that you are ready for things to get back to normal, especially when it comes to Worship and Church gatherings. We know that there is a wide range of opinions on the subject and we are seeking to be sensitive to the needs of our church family, community and staff.

Please know that as we begin to open up opportunities for gatherings, you should return only when you are comfortable to do so. Those who are at risk or may not feel well, please continue to join us online.

In Phase 2, when we resume public worship, please remember that we will be spreading out to provide a safe space for your family. Please sit in family groups and leave space between you and others.

We appreciate your prayers and expressions of love as we take these steps toward gathering in fellowship.

## PHASE 1

**June 7–June 27**

**Worship—Online Only / Watch Parties**

**Groups—Online / Limited Gathering / Watch Parties - Small groups are permitted with social distancing**

**Students—Online Only / Watch Parties**

**Children—Online Only**

**Preschool—No Childcare**

## PHASE 2

**June 28—TBA**

**Worship—Live Streaming or In-person Family Worship**

**Groups—Open with Distancing Protocol / No Childcare**

**Students—Online Groups / Wednesday Night Worship - in Gym or Main Sanctuary**

**Children—Online Groups**

**Preschool—No Childcare**

## PHASE 2 DETAILS

- 3 Services on Sunday, 9:30am, 11am, and 6pm, please attend only one / Social distancing encouraged
- 3 Worship venues available—Sanctuary, Gym, or the Fellowship Hall (asking families to sit together)
- Wednesday Prayer Meeting will continue to be Live Streamed
- Masks should be worn as you enter the building throughout the hallways; not required in worship venue
- Surface cleaning between services / No offering plates, bulletins or hymnals used / Doors propped open / Every other pew taped off / Hand sanitizing stations throughout building
- We request that groups do not meet during worship hours to keep the number of people in the building to a minimum
- Children will resume in-person small groups once the social distancing requirement has been relaxed

## ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

- When you arrive at the church, please remain in your car until 10 minutes before the service begins
- For the comfort of others, please greet one another with a smile or hello, and refrain from shaking hands or embracing with a hug
- When the service concludes, exit from the back of the sanctuary first; let the row behind you exit before entering the aisle
- Offering boxes will be in the back of the sanctuary, but online giving is encouraged
- Office hours are Monday through Thursday, 9am-3pm
- To keep connected and updated, visit our website at [www.mrbc.us](http://www.mrbc.us) or by calling the church office at 734-421-0472

## PHASE 3

**TBA**

**Worship—In-person Worship / Live Stream**

**Groups—Normal Times and Location**

**Students—Normal Times and Location**

**Children—Group Classes Resume**

**Preschool—Classes Resume**