



Kalamazoo Community Church

Statement on Re-Engagement

Dear KCC family and friends,

Greetings!

What an unusual time it's been in our world! We haven't been together as a church since March 22nd! Many of us have been in our homes with our families (exclusively) more than ever before.

I, for one, have seen God do some pretty amazing things in the lives of our people through this time. I am, however, anxious to start getting back together again.

With that in mind, we've been doing lots of praying, researching, planning, and discussing what kinds of possibilities exist for us. Our desire is to be faithful and bold, while also wise and compassionate.

Many of you have helped with our Re-Engagement Survey, and we thank you. It was very helpful information. Among other things, we learned that the number of people who want to get back together with strict 'social distancing' protocols is significant. Yet, it is literally matched by those who want to get back together without strict measures!

Ultimately, we are trying to prayerfully do our best to respect everyone and move forward together.

Since Governor Whitmer has said that the prohibitions on groups over 10 do not apply to religious services and that the state will not penalize religious groups for exceeding that number, we have decided that we will try to move forward along these lines. This letter seeks to answer your questions and to lay out our plans in an understandable way.

It is important that you know and understand that these plans may change, and that the best way to get the most up-to-date information is to check our website: www.mykcc.org and our Facebook page.

It is also crucial that you understand that anytime we engage in a group activity of any kind, there are risks. It is a difficult thing to balance both caution and boldness in the light of those risks. If you do attend, you are assuming the risks. More information can be found here: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>. With these risks in mind it is crucial that you stay home—if you are having any kind of symptoms, if you're in a 'high-risk category,' or if you're hesitant.

WHY: We believe that the community of faith is most fully engaged and encouraged when we are TOGETHER! While we understand and respect the unique situation that we are in with Covid-19, and want to be as sensitive as possible to everyone's needs, we also want to be together as soon as possible. (Hebrews 10:23-25).

WHAT: We will be holding two separate Sunday services beginning in June. The first will be a 'socially distanced' service at 9:00 a.m. and the second service will be more 'open' in nature and will start at 11:00 a.m. On the last Sunday of every month, we will provide a single, unified drive-in service starting at 10:30 a.m.

For now, we will not offer Children's Ministry programming. (Parents, please fill out this very important survey <https://www.facebook.com/kcckidspage/> ASAP – thanks!)

WHEN: Beginning on Sunday, June 7th.

- Our 9:00 a.m. service will be strictly 'masked.' Everyone will be expected to wear a mask for the duration of the service. There will be times of prayer, announcements and teaching, plus the major bonus of being able to see each other and greet one another (while still observing social-distancing protocols). This service will not include singing, and will be a bit shorter in length: approximately 45 minutes.
- Our 11:00am service will be 'mask-optional'. This one will include prayer, announcements, message and some singing. Again, one major bonus is that we'll be able to see each other! This service will also be streamed on Facebook Live (@kalamazoochurch)
- In both of the above services, chairs will be spaced out, some tables will be available, surfaces will be disinfected before and after and no coffee or refreshments will be provided.
- Our 10:30 a.m. drive-in service on the last Sunday of each month will enable us to get everyone together outdoors and will enable us to celebrate communion together! (We'll be using individual pre-packaged communion elements.)

WHERE: In our Auditorium most weeks, outdoors on the last week and streamed on Facebook Live every week.

WHO: That's up to you! Pray about it, talk with your family and select the option which works best for you: 9:00 a.m. (masked); 11:00 a.m. (mask-optional), or Facebook Live online. If you are attending in person, you will need to 'reserve your spot' online (details forthcoming) so that we can safely limit the number of people in the room. Please know that there is no 'judgment' for whichever option you choose. Get informed, pray and make the best choice for yourself and your family.

We look forward to seeing you! Lord, haste the day that we can look back on this Covid-19 mess and all be back together again!

Thank you all!

Dave

p.s. Questions? Just email the office at office@mykcc.org or check our website: www.mykcc.org for the latest updates.



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