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Fellow members of St Paul's,

Last evening, after a lengthy discussion, Church Council voted to resume in person Worship Services beginning June 6th. This decision has been made based upon the CDC's new mask guidance for vaccinated individuals, as well as the State of Ohio lifting all Public Health orders as of June 2nd.

Beginning June 6th, our Service Schedule will be as follows.

9 am; In person worship with audio available in the parking lot.

11 am; In person worship with audio available in the parking lot as well as YouTube streaming.

For those who have not been vaccinated, we require masks to be worn inside. For those who have been fully vaccinated, you have the choice to wear your mask or not. While we cannot enforce these rules, we would ask you keep the health of your Brothers and Sisters in Christ in mind. Some members may have health issues which could cause the vaccine to not be as effective.

The Worship Committee will be working out details for in person worship such as communion and singing. With reopening taking place in a couple weeks, we are asking for more volunteers to assist with services. Communion Servers, Ushers, Singers, Lectors, Greeters are all in need. Please prayerfully consider assisting your fellow brothers and sisters in Christ by giving some of your time.

With this decision taking place, we want everyone to understand that if there is a spike in cases, we will re-evaluate our decision and we could revert to our current service structure. We have to keep the health of every one of our Brothers and Sisters in mind.

This decision by Church Council does not affect the decision to have Virtual VBS. This will continue as planned. Church Council fully supports Susan Moore's decision as she is many months into planning and the Virus Guidance has only changed in the past few weeks. Susan has reiterated that VBS will continue in person next year.

We understand this decision may not be well received by some, but we would ask that you come back to in person worship as you begin to feel more comfortable as we come out of the Pandemic. If you have questions, please reach out to a member of Council.

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus" Philippians 4:6-7.

Thank you all and God bless,

Jonathan Montag
Church Council President