



Back-to-Church Plan Phase 2

As we continue to respect the health risks of the COVID-19 pandemic, we also seek to physically gather as the body of Christ. In response to recent improvements in the spread of COVID-19 within Unicoi County, we have decided to take additional steps to normal activities.

We will gather under Phase 2 of FCC Erwin's Back-to-Church Plan, comprised of the following changes from prior practices effective Sunday, November 14, 2021:

- We will maintain online worship services via Facebook and FCCErwin.org on a permanent basis.
- If you are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms, have recently tested positive for COVID-19, or have experienced a known exposure while not fully vaccinated, we ask that you refrain from meeting in-person and join us via online worship services.
- Masks and other face-coverings are welcome but not required, though encouraged for anyone who is not fully vaccinated or is otherwise vulnerable. Disposable, single-use masks remain available upon entry to the church.
- Other in-person services and activities may return to their normal schedules, including Sunday schools, Wednesday night bible study, and youth/children's activities. These events may not return immediately, and separate announcements will be made as ministers and leaders prepare for these services and activities. The nursery will remain closed until further notice.
- Social distancing is still recommended for anyone who has not been vaccinated or is otherwise vulnerable.
- Communion elements will be prepared and stocked in the pews before the service.
- We will continue to collect the offering in a single plate located at the entrance to the sanctuary.

In addition to these changes and safety measures, we will continue deeper cleaning and regular sanitization procedures throughout the common areas of the church. We also have hand-sanitizer stations strategically located throughout the church for your use. Our leadership team will continue to monitor local COVID-19 activity for the foreseeable future.

If you have any questions or concerns about this strategy or if you have any specific needs, please contact a minister or member of the leadership team.

what you need to know...

When does Phase 2 begin?

Sunday, November 14, 2021

What will be different?

- **Change to mask usage**
- **Return to other church activities**
- **Social distancing still recommended**

(all detailed below)