**Hollyview Church Gathering Plan**

Worshipping outside has been a wonderful gift these past couple of months. It has allowed many the space to re-engage in the worship service from the safety of cars or sitting in chairs at a distance that is comfortable for everyone. Not only that, many people have commented how enjoyable it has been to be outside in nature that speaks of God’s glory!

As we approach the fall, we realize that the ability to meet outside is coming to an end. Over the next several weeks, we will be monitoring the weather to decide when to return to services indoors. When that time comes, we will implement the following plan:

* **9:00 am – Mini-Church Service** – This will be the same sermon as the main church service but allows for increased physical distancing and there will be no singing. Entry and exit will be through the doors downstairs.
* **10:30 am – Regular Church Service** with 3 options of safety and comfort level
  + - **Sanctuary** – Every other pew seating with encouragement to sit in “germ bubbles” with others you have regular contact with.
    - **Foyer** – At the rear of the sanctuary in the foyer there will be a small section for people who would like to be near the service but slightly removed.
    - **Overflow downstairs** – Streaming service downstairs in case of crowding in sanctuary.
    - **Children’s Church** and **Nursery** will be available at this time and parents should use their own discretion on whether to send their children to these places or have them remain in the sanctuary.

We encourage everyone, no matter what venue you decide to join, to please be courteous of others in leaving appropriate space between people and wearing a mask when inside the building. Audio of all messages will be available the next week if you need to stay home because of temperature or sickness or feel the need to do so because of risk factors.

We plan to sing a couple worship songs at the end of the service and then dismissing people to exit the sanctuary to continue fellowshipping outside or downstairs. We will be regularly disinfecting commonly touched surfaces.

We realize nothing is without some level of risk and encourage everyone to make the best decision for you and your family. Everyone is in a different place in life and comes with various perspectives so let’s be gracious to All! For the Glory of God!

***Pastor Joel***