SCC Re-Opening
Resuming services in the Sanctuary starting September 19!

The following reopening policies have been adopted by Church Committee effective September 14, 2021. The policies are based on those in effect in June 2021, with updates noted in *italics*

Sanctuary

1. **Masks.**
   a. **Masks are required while singing, walking or as directed by Pastor Karen** during service (for example, to help those youth and other attendees that may not be fully vaccinated feel more comfortable.)
   b. **Masks may be lowered or removed while sitting in pews and when not singing** at the discretion of the parishioner, unless otherwise directed by Pastor Karen.

   Our policies and individual actions should ensure that any attendee feels welcome and comfortable to wear masks at their discretion.

2. **Hand Sanitizer.** Available but not required. Attendees are welcome to use at their discretion.

3. **Seating process.** Managed exit and entry from Sanctuary is no longer required. No restrictions on use of north and south stairways.

4. **Seat card identifiers.** Cards and attendee tracking are no longer required.

5. **Social Distance.** Encourage continued distancing in pew seating but without barriers and designated seating signs as capacity on Sundays has not typically been an issue.

6. **Windows open.** Continue to open windows for ventilation even during cool or inclement weather.
7. **Communion.** Continue to offer pre-packaged plastic juice & bread packets available pre-service at entrance to sanctuary. A self-serve gluten-free alternative is also provided.

8. **Offering.** Offering plates will be passed during Worship service.


10. **Hymnals, bibles, envelopes.** These materials will continue to be stored. Words to hymns will be printed in the bulletin.

11. **Fellowship Hour.** Fellowship Hour will be beverages only (coffee, tea and juice) in disposable containers served from tables just inside Bates Hall, with fellowship encouraged to be conducted outdoors under the portico and in the drive-in front of the Church.

12. **Choir.** The choir plans to return to Sanctuary on September 19.

13. **Christian Education.** Classes will continue remote via Zoom, subject to the discretion of Christian Education Committee.

14. **Live streaming** via YouTube will continue.

15. **If unwell,** please stay home and feel free to attend via live streaming.

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**Meetings at SCC**

**Committee Meetings.** Meetings in-person or via Zoom are at the discretion of each committee. If a committee agrees to in-person meetings, a best practice is that committees should plan to accommodate Zoom attendees who may not be able or comfortable to attend in-person. Bates Hall is the recommended location for in person meetings, and it is also set up to accommodate Zoom attendees.

**Community group meetings.** Groups that have been using the church including Tai Chi and a small AA group may continue their use of the church building.
Requests from new groups will be considered on a case-by-case basis. For those that are approved to use the kitchen, the group must agree to be responsible for sanitizing surfaces that they use after each use.

**Use of Bates Hall & Other SCC Facilities**

All restrictions are eased on the use of Bates Hall, Library, Green Chair Room, Chapel, classrooms, nursery, offices and restrooms. Covid procedures for use of rooms will be at discretion of persons or groups using these rooms. *For those using the kitchen, surfaces that are used must be sanitized after each use.*

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.