Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The elders continue to pray that you are staying strong physically, mentally, and most importantly spiritually. We recognize that navigating the COVID-19 pandemic brought much uncertainty and anxiety to each of us. The elders have been meeting regularly via video conference, praying for our members, overseeing the continued work of the church, and making plans for us all to meet together in worship again. We are thankful for the technology that allowed us to continue to worship and have Bible Study in our homes. We appreciate our evangelists’ and Justin Reynolds’ efforts in providing these digital services, and we will continue offering online worship and Bible classes indefinitely.

Even so, we all long to worship together to praise our Lord and strengthen our fellowship one with another. We are encouraged to see some restrictions lifted in our community, and we are likewise making plans to gradually return to meeting again in person. We will continue to conduct our worship properly as the Bible instructs, while observing some precautions to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission. We are cautious and concerned for those who are most at risk, the elderly and those with weakened health. We strongly urge those who are most vulnerable to remain at home for the time being. Those who fear their own health may be compromised, or their family’s health, or who are uncomfortable attending may choose to remain at home as well. In consideration of others, we implore those who are not feeling well to refrain from worshiping at the building at this time. Please be patient and understanding with all brothers and sisters in our congregation as we implement a gradual return to worship at the church building.

Taking all these factors into consideration, the elders plan to restart worship services at the building on **Sunday, June 7, 2020**!

In order to worship together as safely as possible, we ask everyone to kindly review and observe the attached guidelines.

Please pray that we all come through the pandemic safely.

In His Service,

The Elders

Email: elders@fandk.org
Guidelines for Return to Worship

The elders are implementing the following protocols in order to reduce the risk of Covid-19 transmission:

We will have 3 similar worship services on Sunday

- Our auditorium seating capacity will be reduced to 120 to allow for social distancing. In order to make room for everyone, we will have 3 worship service times (9 AM, 11:15 AM and 6 PM) with the same sermon and communion, so you should plan to attend only one service.
- To allocate our reduced space, we ask each family to register to attend one of the three service times. We will confirm your choice, and we ask your understanding if you do not receive your first choice.
- To register your preferred service time (9 AM, 11:15 AM or 6 PM):
  - You may go to the online form at https://www.fandk.org/worship-preference, call the office at 614-451-4886, or email office@fandk.org.
  - Please provide your first and second choice for the service time and the number of individuals that will attend.
  - You do not need to re-register each week. Should you wish to change your preference after your initial registration, contact Amy Andrick at the office (614-451-4886 or office@fandk.org).
  - We will allocate some space for visitors.
  - Men who plan to serve in worship should register as soon as possible to enable us to create a worship schedule.

When you come to worship at the building

- Please remain at home if you have a heightened risk (elderly or with underlying medical conditions), or if you are experiencing a fever, chills, repeated shaking with chills, headache, sore throat, cough, difficulty breathing, muscle pain, or new loss of taste and smell.
- Out of consideration for the health of others, the elders require everyone to wear a mask while in the building. Men may remove their masks when leading from the front, as they are properly distanced from the congregation at that time. Some masks will be available, but we ask that you bring your own if possible.
- To reduce the potential for contaminated surfaces, only the auditorium, foyer, restrooms, and nursery wing will be open. For the time being, we will close Room 200 and the downstairs. Songbooks and Bibles will be removed from the pews. Pews and surfaces will be wiped down the between services.
- Please maintain a 6-foot distance from other families.
- Although we all look forward to being together again, please refrain from physical contact for the time being.
- Please plan ahead to keep your children with you during worship, as we will not have an attended nursery or Children’s Bible Hour.
• As you enter the building,
  o use the hand sanitizer,
  o pick up prepackaged single communion supplies as needed for your family,
  o and directly find a seat in the auditorium in one of the open pews maintaining at least 6 feet from others. Family members may and should sit together.
• Rooms in the nursery area may be used if children must be taken out of worship. Please, only one family per room. Maintain adequate social distancing of 6 feet from other families.
• To maintain social distance when worship is concluded,
  o We will dismiss, starting in the back and moving towards the front. Please wait to be dismissed.
  o Deposit used communion supplies in a waste basket provided in the foyer,
  o leave your weekly contribution in the designated box in the foyer if you wish,
  o and go straight outside. Please do not linger in the auditorium or foyer.
• Please visit and fellowship with one another outside the building only. Continue to maintain a 6-foot separation.
• Our classrooms do not allow for appropriate social distancing, so we are not able to have Bible classes yet. For the time being, we will have Bible classes online only. A series of Bible studies will be offered online, and the elders encourage you to participate in one or more. A class schedule and other details will be sent out shortly.
• We will continue to broadcast a live Sunday morning worship service on YouTube for those choosing not to come to the building due to age or health conditions. Watch for the weekly emails for instructions to log in.
• Members who are at high risk of severe illness, as described in the ‘Stay Safe Ohio’ order, may consider remaining at home. This includes those who are 65 or older, sick at this time, or of any age who have underlying medical conditions.*

The elders believe these protocols offer the best course forward to return to public worship while reducing the risk of Covid-19 transmission. We ask for your cooperation in adhering to these guidelines, as well as your patience. We will continue to communicate these guidelines as we plan our return to public worship on Sunday, June 7th.

Please continue to stay safe and faithful. Please call any of the elders or evangelists if we can be of help. We continue to keep you in our prayers.

*The conditions include:
• People with chronic lung disease or moderate to severe asthma.
• People who have serious heart conditions.
• People who are immune compromised.
• People with severe obesity (body mass index [BMI] of 40 or higher.
• People with diabetes.
• People with chronic kidney disease undergoing dialysis; and
• People with liver disease.