

WILLOW HILL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

REGATHERING PLAN

The church office remains closed but emails, phone messages, and postal mail are retrieved daily.

Email: office@willowhill.org

Phone: 309-383-2700.

Website: www.willowhill.org

PROPERTY & BUILDING USE REQUIREMENTS:

- ◆ People entering the building must be fever & symptom free for 14 days prior to entering the building.
- ◆ All people must sign the log upon entering the building for any reason.
- ◆ Face masks need to be worn in the building.
- ◆ Face masks need to be worn outdoors when not able to maintain at least 6 feet of physical distance.
- ◆ Groups meeting on the property or in the building must keep 6 feet distance between participants.
- ◆ Persons using the building are asked to wipe down touched surfaces with a disinfecting wipe before and after use.
- ◆ The kitchen will be closed. Food and drink may not be served within group meetings on the property or in the building.

Caring for one another's spiritual and physical well-being continues to be high priority as Willow Hill Church continues to work toward the mission of *Gather~Grow~Go* during uncertain times of the Covid pandemic.

The state government *Restore Illinois* plan and the Illinois Great Rivers Conference *Returning to the Heart of Worship* plan will continue to guide practices at Willow Hill as the church moves forward in regathering in person.

• WORSHIP SERVICES

Due to a pattern of rising Covid-19 cases and subsequent mitigations, Willow Hill will follow guidance from the Bishop of Illinois Great Rivers Conference and return to online worship services only. We encourage people to engage in our meaningful worship experiences through our website, YouTube or Facebook.

• SMALL GROUPS/CLASSES/MEETINGS

Small groups, classes and committee meetings will be held online only.

• CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES

Children's Church and youth groups will meet online only. Little Willows and other children's ministries will remain suspended.

• MISSION AND OUTREACH

Individuals and groups may gather for the purposes of critical mission projects and outreach efforts following the building use guidelines. Gatherings must include fewer than 10 people.

• CHURCH OFFICE

The church office will remain closed for in-person business as staff will continue to work primarily from home with the option of working physically distanced in the office for occasional necessary tasks. Staff and leaders may also use the building for specific ministry needs, such as worship service recordings, following all use requirements.

• IN-PERSON ENGAGEMENT

All individuals are encouraged to follow recommendations of leaders in health care and thoughtfully consider whether in-person gatherings are personally appropriate.