

WILLOW HILL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

FALL 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

In addition to online worship through Facebook, YouTube, and the church website, Willow Hill will offer outdoor worship on Sundays at 9:00 a.m. in the yard behind the church. Attendance will not be limited to a specific number but appropriate physical distancing will be required. Plans are also underway for a return to modified indoor services in the near future.

• SMALL GROUPS/CLASSES/MEETINGS

Small groups, classes and committee meetings will continue to meet online as needed and are now able to meet in the building. Gatherings may include up to 10 participants in select classrooms, up to 30 in the lobby area or worship center, and up to 50 outdoors at the church as long as all use requirements are followed and meeting spaces are reserved in advance. Group leaders may reserve space by emailing the church at office@willowhill.org to schedule the meeting. Leaders will be required to submit a meeting log for each gathering, which includes participant contact information, to the church office within 24 hours after the meeting.

• CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES

Children's Church and youth groups will continue to meet regularly online. As leaders explore in-person options and families are comfortable with small gatherings, occasional opportunities for in-person gatherings at church may become available following all use guidelines.

• MISSION AND OUTREACH

Individuals and groups may gather for the purposes of mission projects and outreach efforts following the building use guidelines.

• CHURCH OFFICE

The church office will remain closed for in-person business as staff will continue to work from home. Staff and leaders may use the building for specific ministry needs as long as use requirements are followed.

• 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.