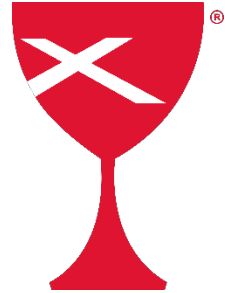


COVID-19

Suggestions for Congregations

- Use hand sanitizer visibly at the communion table when preparing for communion distribution and after distribution.
- Make sure all vessels are thoroughly washed with soap and hot water. Some research suggests that metal rather than ceramic vessels are preferred.
- Avoid using intinction (dipping bread in cup) for communion for the time being.
- Consider sitting alternating rows and about 3 feet apart within the row.
- Greet one another with waves, bows, a hand over the heart or other ways that do not involve physical contact. Elbow bumps can also work as a handshake substitute.
- Provide soap and hand sanitizer in restrooms. Use disinfectant spray on hard surfaces including door handles.
- Clean the toys in the Sunday School and day care facilities after each class. (Mix one part bleach to 10 parts water.)
- Turn off water fountains and mark “do not use”.
- Coffee hour and feeding program volunteers are encouraged to wash hands carefully and handle food with plastic gloves or utensils.
- Alternative worship services may be possible using web-based conferencing services, Skype or Facebook Live. Your local internet provider may have options as well.
- Offer alternative ways of giving (online, giving apps, mail) with reminders in all communications.



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