

## **Return Guidelines for Galena United Methodist Church**

Our in-person worship services will be held at the Northern Lights pavilion at Recreation Park beginning on May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10:30am. We believe that having an outdoor service should create the safest environment. The fresh moving air and families being properly distanced should greatly reduce or eliminate the chance for infection. We are planning to be in our sanctuary for services beginning in July 11th. We offer the following guidelines to maximize the safety and well being of all of those present:

1. We will offer preregistration for those planning to attend. Please register on the church website so that we can plan according to expected numbers, etc. The registration link can be found at [galenaumc.org](http://galenaumc.org). Registration is appreciated but not required for attendance.
2. Masks are not required for persons who are fully vaccinated; however, those who feel more comfortable wearing a mask are encouraged to follow their comfort level. Persons who are not fully vaccinated are required to wear a mask.
3. The area will be cleaned and sanitized. Mr. Clean would be impressed!! There will be hand-sanitizing stations set-up as well.
4. We will have the area set up to ensure appropriate social distancing. Families, please sit together, we can get more people in the area this way. If you wish to bring lawn chairs for seating around and near the pavilion, that is certainly acceptable and helpful for the social distancing.
5. Offering plates will not be passed among congregants. We will have a central collection station in the pavilion for collection of the offering.
6. We will have bulletins (left untouched for 48 hours) available. We will also distribute the bulletin via e-mail in advance if attendees wish to print their own from home prior to attending the service.

All services will be recorded and uploaded by Sunday afternoon for those who are unable to attend in-person.

Also, please be aware that the Northern Lights pavilion is reserved for the Methodist Church for the full day on all summer Sundays. If you wish to use the area for any gatherings, please feel free to do so.