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Dear Church Family,

I wanted to take this opportunity to let you know how much we appreciate your support, prayers, and patience over the past few months.

Little did we realize how long this process would take when we ceased our regular church gatherings in addition to group events. As you can imagine, the task of opening our facilities for services once again takes more thought than closing things down for a while.

Enclosed, you will find the plan we will be implementing and no doubt, “tweaking” as we go along. We do understand that several things will be a bit different than before, but we do trust and pray any changes will be temporary.

Our desire from the very beginning has been the health and safety of our members and attendees. This desire will continue to be the case as we re-gather inside for services.

With that said, opinions are numerous on the best approach for this, and while a certain set of procedures work in one area of the nation, there is no guarantee it will work for where we are. We appreciate your prayers for all of us in leadership that we will be led by faith as we go through the process of opening our doors.

As we begin to implement this plan here at Millersburg Assembly of God, we would prayerfully make one main request of everyone who attends, and it is this:
Please be filled with grace toward others.

In our re-gathering process, we realize there may be some who absolutely can't wait to get back, while others aren't quite ready. There are some who will want to wear face coverings, and others may not. There are some who are ready to shake hands and give hugs while others are not. (For the comfort level of everyone, please hold off on the hugging and shaking for a while.)

While we may have some challenges ahead, I believe with all my heart that we are up to the task because as believers, we can be filled with grace and not react in the manner the world would react.

Romans 12:10 (NKJV) 10 Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another;

Please take some time to go over the enclosed guidelines. We will do our best to worship together again in a way that brings glory to God and encouragement to the believers. And, I might add, that we would see souls won into the Kingdom of God!

Our new Carpet is being installed this week, and we would like to have our first Service back in the Sanctuary on Sunday, July 5th at our usual time of 10:30 AM.

There is a lot of work to be done as we “re-connect” many items on the platform, sound room, etc. All of these things have had to wait until re-carpeting is complete.

On Sunday June 28th, we will host our final Drive-In Service in the parking lot. We will also express our thanks to the Lord for His wonderful blessings on us as we held services in the parking lot! What an amazing time it has been!

Blessings in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Pastor Norman Lawrence". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a horizontal line extending from the end.

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P.S. – If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at the church:
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GUIDELINES FOR RE-GATHERING

1. If you have a fever of any kind, we ask that you stay home.
2. If you find you need to cough or sneeze for an extended period during a service, please go to the foyer or restroom.
3. Hand sanitizers will be available throughout the building and you are encouraged to use them as needed.
4. Face coverings (masks) are welcome, but not required.
5. All Volunteers, Staff, Ministry Members and Children will have temperature checked before Service.
6. Volunteers will be outside restrooms to sanitize periodically.
7. While we will do our best to reduce the possibility of exposure, like any place you go in this day, it is possible. If you are in a high-risk category, we would encourage you to wait to attend in person, but that decision is entirely yours.

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE:

1. Sunday worship service will be at our usual time of 10:30 AM and at least initially, we will keep the service length to approximately 1 hour. (Give or take a few minutes).
2. Sunday School will continue to be suspended until the Fall at which time we will re-evaluate.
3. Refreshment area will continue to be suspended until the Fall at which time we will re-evaluate.
4. Internet Broadcast will continue as usual for those who are ill, or not quite ready to venture out to church or other gatherings at this time.
5. When you arrive, doors will be open to the foyer, as well as into the Sanctuary so there is no need to touch anything.
6. Bulletins and Giving Envelopes will be available as you walk in the doors, but there will be nothing in the seats. You are always encouraged to bring your own Bible, whether it be in digital form or printed form. Of course, we will continue to project the Scriptures during our messages.
7. We will have the foyer set up for one-way entry and exit. Enter in the doors to the right, and you will exit the doors at the right on the way out.
8. For now, we will remove every other row so that social distancing guidelines can be followed and entry and exit of rows will go more smoothly.

9. Ushers will be seating people, and you are encouraged to follow their instructions as they will be doing so in such a way that families will be seated together, with 2 or 3 seats in between the next family unit.
10. If we need overflow seating, the Ushers will be providing seating in the foyer and/or even under the carport, but only if needed. TV's with the live broadcast will be playing the service.
11. Please remain seated at the end of service, and ushers will dismiss you by rows.
12. Offering will be received as you exit using the buckets we have been using during the Drive-In Services. You may continue to give online as well at www.millersburgag.org/give
13. Communion will continue to be served in the same manner as Drive-In Service with disposable elements handed out at the beginning of service.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES:

1. Since the service will only be about an hour, Children's Church for all ages as before (up to age 11) will be available for the ENTIRE service time. Upon arrival, they will have temperature taken, check in, then go downstairs where Pastor Dave and other volunteers will minister to them as before. (Parents may keep children upstairs if you wish.)
2. At service end, the Children will be brought upstairs to either the foyer, carport area or lawn and parents may pick them up to leave from there. Initially, there will be no need to go downstairs to pick your children up.
3. Nursery will be staffed as before. There will be less toys, and the toys that are available will be toys that are easily sanitized by BOTH Nursery workers, as well as Janitorial Staff.

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS:

1. Wednesday Evening events will be suspended until the Fall. (These are usually not in session anyway during the Summer).

OTHER NOTES:

- USHERS – Head Usher, Walt Boyer is requesting “all hands on deck” each Sunday by 9:30 AM if you are able to assist. He will assign duties as needed.
- GREETERS – For now, please hold off on our official Greeter Ministry. This should be very temporary, but for now, the Ushers will be greeting and assisting people.
- The above guidelines may not cover everything, so we will “tweak” it as needed.