

Dear North Buffalo Family:

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. On Wednesday evening, June 24 the Session and Trustees met to reconsider the reopening of our church. It was decided that we would reopen on Sunday, July 5 at 11:00 a.m. In all phases of our reopening, we will remain in alignment with local, state and federal public health and safety guidelines.

Parishioners will be required to wear a mask, use hand sanitizer and maintain social distancing of six feet. In order to follow those guidelines and to insure the safety of our church family we'll need to take the following actions. Taking into consideration the size of our church we will be limited to the number of parishioners that we can safely accommodate. Planning is necessary so if you plan to attend, please call **Don Hanes @ 412-580-1634** no later than Friday @ noon for the upcoming Sunday. This call will need to be made each week for the entire month of July, then we'll reassess and plan accordingly. As we continue to follow CDC guidelines, there will be no choir, no singing, or no responsive reading. For safety reasons, at least for now, there will be no Sunday school or junior church. *If you plan to attend on July 5th, PLEASE arrive early as this process will take some additional time and patience.*

Guidelines for everyone's safety

- Entrance to the church will be through the ramp door only.
- You must wear a mask while you are in the church.
- Your temperature will be taken, if anyone has a temperature of more than 100.4 they will not be permitted to enter.
- Upon entering the church, you will ask the following questions:

- Do you have flu-like symptoms, fever, cough or shortness of breath? In the past two weeks have you or a close contact tested positive for the Covid-19 virus?
- If you have recently traveled to a “hot spot” such as Florida, Texas, Arizona, South Carolina or New York, it is recommended that you self-quarantine for 14 days
- Are you or a close contact waiting for Covid-19 virus test results?
- Upon entering the sanctuary, an usher will seat you. Couples and families may sit together. We will fill the pews beginning with pews in the front and working our way to the back. Every other pew will be closed.
- Bulletins will be provided with order of worship and bible passages.
- Feel free to bring your own bible.
- At the conclusion of the worship service, the ushers will methodically excuse worshippers beginning with the people in the back rows first and then moving to the front of the sanctuary until all have been excused. Please maintain social distancing as you leave.
- Please do not congregate but please use hand sanitizer as you exit the church.
- Restrooms will be open for your use, please maintain social distancing in these areas as well.
- Please make positive decision about your own health. If you have underlying conditions or a compromised immune system it would probably be in your best interest not to attend church at this time.
- Offering plates will be at the back of church as they will not be passed during worship.

Thank you in advance for your understanding, patience and grace during such challenging times. If you are not attending, you can continue to follow us on Sunday mornings at 11:00 am on Facebook or the church's website: Northbuffalopresbyterian.com. through Sunday, July 28th. At some point the morning service will not be available on line until Sunday afternoon. God's blessings on you and your family as we hope and pray for some kind of normalcy.

In and for the love of Christ

Pastor Gary A. Gibson, Session and Trustees