

North Buffalo Presbyterian Church

GARY A. GIBSON, PASTOR EST. 1775 Celebrating 233 Years of Ministry "Growing in the Grace of God"



Dear North Buffalo Family:

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. On Monday, September 14, at a joint meeting of session and trustees it was decided to reopen the church on Sunday, October 4 for the 11:00 a.m. in-person worship. First and foremost we will remain in alignment with local, state and federal public health and safety guidelines. We feel that it is time to return and begin in-person worship as the practice of our faith in a corporate setting is so very important. In order to follow those guidelines and to insure the safety of our church family we'll need to take some necessary actions. At this time we feel that making reservations will NOT be necessary as the church is large enough to accommodate those wanting to attend and still practice social distancing of remaining six feet apart. Guidelines for Everyone's Safety

- Entrance to the church will be through the ramp door only.
- Everyone is required to use hand sanitizer before taking a seat.
- Wherever you decide to set, PLEASE practice social distancing.
- At the conclusion of church folks will exit through the front door.
- Wearing a mask is mandatory at all times covering both your mouth and nose, <u>this ensures maximum safety</u>.
- Please make positive decisions about your personal 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. If you have flu-like symptoms, fever, cough or shortness
 of breath, please stay home and consult your physician.
- Bulletins will be provided with order of worship, bible passages, church joys and concerns. Feel free to bring your own Bible.

- ALL ANNOUNCEMENTS and pertinent information for church members will be made by Pastor Gary from the pulpit, NO other announcements from the floor.
- Unfortunately, singing and sharing items like the call to worship, prayer of confession is still not recommended.
- Offering plates will be in the back of the church, pledge envelopes can be placed in the offering plates as you exit.

As Sunday, October 4 will be World Wide Communion we will be celebrating the Lord's Supper using Individual sealed communion packets including a wafer and juice, you'll receive it as you enter church that morning. As you leave the sanctuary at the end of worship there will be waste cans to deposit your trash. We are taking all necessary steps to ensure that communion will be distributed safely.

The Bible frequently mentions the importance of church and commands believers to regularly gather in worship with other believers. Worshiping together with other believers provides great fellowship and is an essential aspect of Christian living. This sense of community was part of the first church in which they devoted themselves to gathering as God's children.

Thank you in advance for your understanding, patience and grace during such challenging and uncertain times. If you choose not to attend, you can continue to follow us on the churches website or Facebook. The service will be recorded on Sunday morning now which means it will not be available until late afternoon on Sunday instead of 11:00 a.m. Look forward to seeing you and God bless.

In and for the love of Christ:

Pastor Gary A. Gibson, Session and Trustees