



Dear Trinity Community,

As winter is now upon us, we want to reaffirm our position on the Trinity Phased Re-Entry Plan first developed back in June. Our faith requires us to do everything possible to ensure the well-being, physical safety and health of ourselves, our church and our surrounding community. With wide-spread, uncontrolled community spread of COVID19 we will remain in Phase 1.5 for the remainder of 2020 and into 2021.

Phase 1.5 Defined: COVID 19 cases still expanding locally and nationally; local and state testing “positivity rate” above 5%; no vaccine or highly effective treatments; masks and physical distancing are the norms.

Implications for Trinity:

- The building remains closed except for occasional use by staff; most work from home
- Masks are required for building entry and for any gatherings
- Small gatherings are allowed for high-need sacraments (funerals) following state and Diocesan guidelines
- All services, group meetings, youth gatherings, adult formation, etc. are online only (currently in Zoom Format)
- Any outdoor gatherings follow strict masking and physical distancing guidelines

Although we are not able to gather and worship in our beloved Trinity Church, we can still connect. First and foremost, join us for Zoom church on Sunday! If you know of parishioners needing help with Zoom access, please let the office know!

In addition, The Trinity clergy and staff are working to provide outdoor, in-person opportunities for meaningful gatherings. Parishioners can look forward to these upcoming events:

Saturday, December 5th at 3:30 pm - Outdoor Greening of the Church where we gather to decorate the outside of Trinity Church at the start of the Advent Season.

Thursday, December 24: Christmas Eve Blessing and Luminary Display (details to be announced)

While we are all feeling frustrated by the relentlessness of this pandemic, it is important to remember that we are in this together. The church is not a building but rather our communal experience and shared faith. It is exactly because we are in community with one another that we must do everything possible to ensure the well-being, physical safety and health of our community by continuing to worship remotely.

*We isolate now
So when we
Gather again
No one is missing*

Watch the Thursday email update for event details. If you have any questions about our plans, please reach out to Devon or any member of the Vestry.

Yours faithfully,

The Trinity Vestry