

Worship Updates from our Elders and Covid-19 Team

Gatherings Indoors We continue to worship Sundays at gam in person and online! We have the sanctuary ropes up to provide for physical distancing. We continue to refrain from passing the plate for the offering, and congregational singing, and ask that you wear a face mask. Rev. Betsy Miller, PEC President for the Moravian Church, Northern Province, references I Corinthians 12:21-23 where Paul likens the church to the Body of Christ. We are one body and individually members of it. She goes on to say, "Just as the eye cannot say to the hand I have no need of you... to offer a paraphrase "The vaccinated cannot say to the unvaccinated, 'I have no need of you..." We believe that a powerful statement of care, welcome and inclusion is for those who are vaccinated to exercise greater caution for those who, for reasons medical or otherwise, are not vaccinated. Therefore, we ask that congregations continue the protocols of wearing masks, keeping distance, and refraining from singing, sharing the Right Hand of Fellowship, and sharing the sacrament of Holy Communion by the pastor in the pew."

We also continue to live stream worship at gam on our Facebook page
www.facebook.com/westsidemoraviangreenbay

When Can We Sing? We have heard this question lifted up by many and on our hearts as well.

Congregational singing propels aerosols much further than speaking, even with a mask. Hopefully transmission rates will lesson and we'll be able to transition to share in congregational singing indoors soon!

We know COVID-19 is still real and present in our community so precautions are needed. Vaccination rates are climbing and that possibility now includes children ages 5-11, although they are just beginning that process.

This conservative approach seeks to mitigate the risks in gathering in person as much as possible. All of this is driven by our Core Value of following Christ in our Care for Others. We seek to prioritize the health and well-being of our congregation, our neighbors, and larger community in all these decisions.