

BETHANY NORTHEAST

Congregational Survey & Regathering Update

Dear Friends,

One of the unfortunate consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic has been the year-long disruption to Bethany Northeast's in-person gatherings. Our staff mourns this disruption with you and we look forward with hope towards regathering as a congregation and rediscovering regular rhythms.

Our current plan for returning to weekly indoor worship is October 10, 2021, with monthly outdoor in-person services planned this summer (2nd Sundays, July-Sept).

One of the key determining factors for our return to weekly indoor in-person gatherings is the availability of our worship space.

During the pandemic, our space has been utilized by Hunger Intervention Program (HIP), one of our co-tenants and ministry partners. HIP provides food to individuals and families experiencing food insecurity due to job loss, homelessness, and poverty. The demand for food has understandably risen during this past year and our sanctuary has provided the needed space for storing, staging, and distributing thousands of meals on a weekly basis.

HIP anticipates getting back to their pre-COVID footprint in the building by the end of August as meal numbers and food needs slowly decrease throughout the summer. This will allow us the month of September to prepare our spaces to safely and sustainably worship and gather together in-person.

In the meantime, we value your feedback.

We recognize that this has been a uniquely complex and challenging season, both individually and collectively. And thus it's in that awareness that we long to learn with you, look forward to discerning how God has been shaping our community, and discovering together the ways God is inviting us toward action.

Thank you for taking a few moments to complete the following survey, and stay tuned for details about our summer and fall gatherings.

In Christ's Service Together,
Jack
Lead Pastor, Bethany Northeast

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