

## UMC Reopening Survey Results

July 2020 - 45 Responses

Which statement best describes your current attitude towards returning to a worship service in our building?

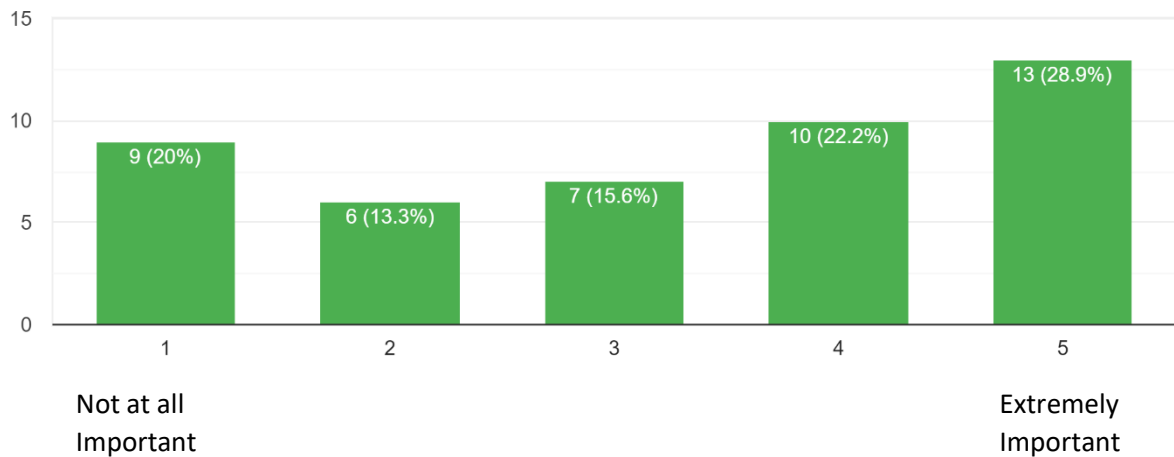
45 responses



Let us know how you feel about the following precautionary measures by choosing a point on the scale with 1 being "Not at all important" and 5 being "Extremely important"

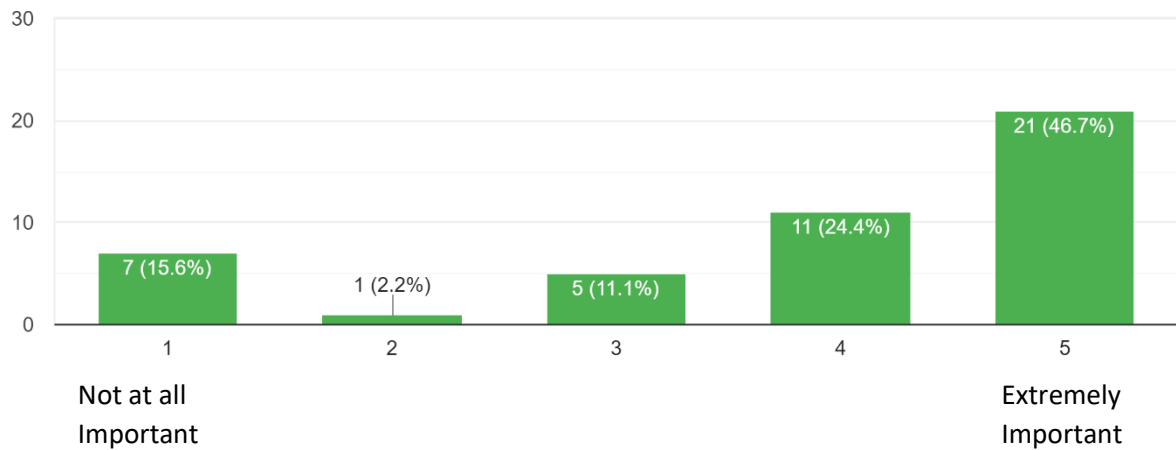
Limit handouts of any kind (e.g. bulletins).

45 responses



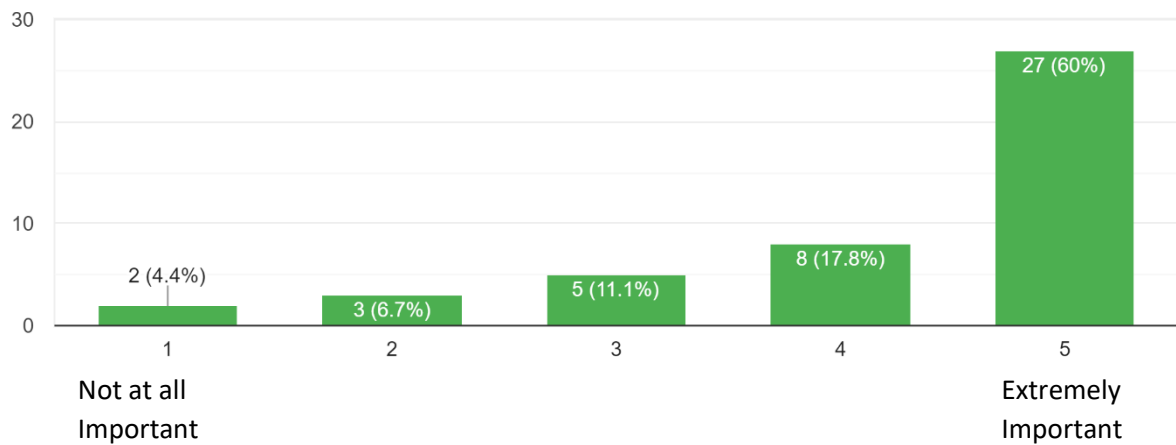
Use a contactless method for collecting offering (no passing of the basket).

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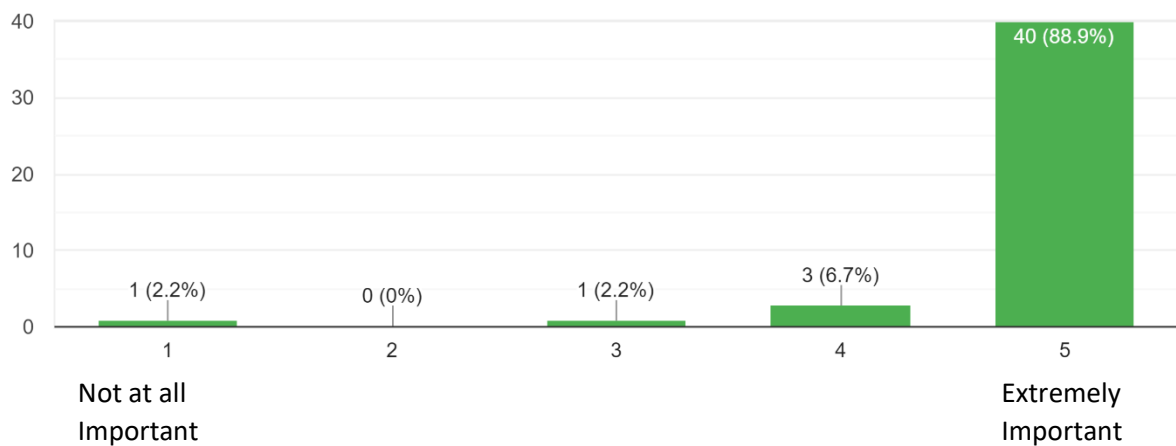
Use a new method for serving and receiving communion.

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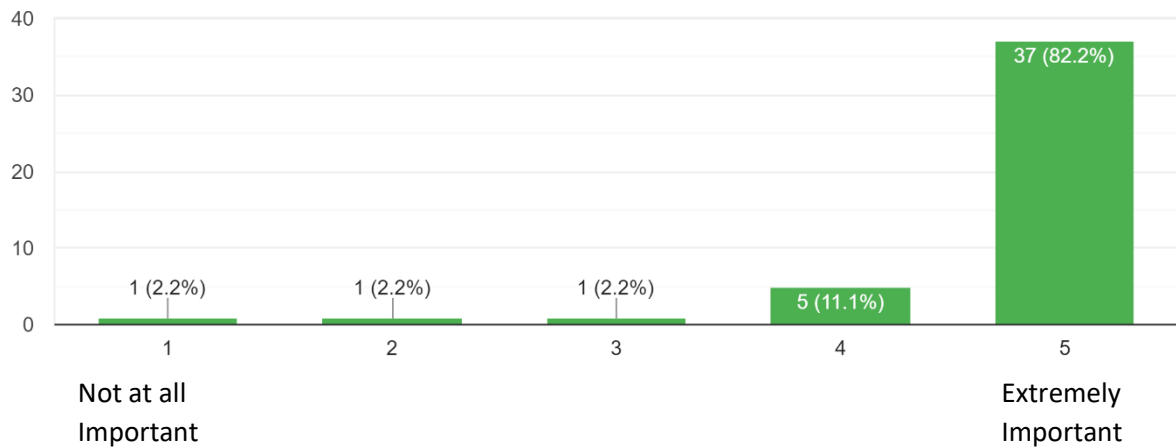
Encourage social distancing in sanctuary seating.

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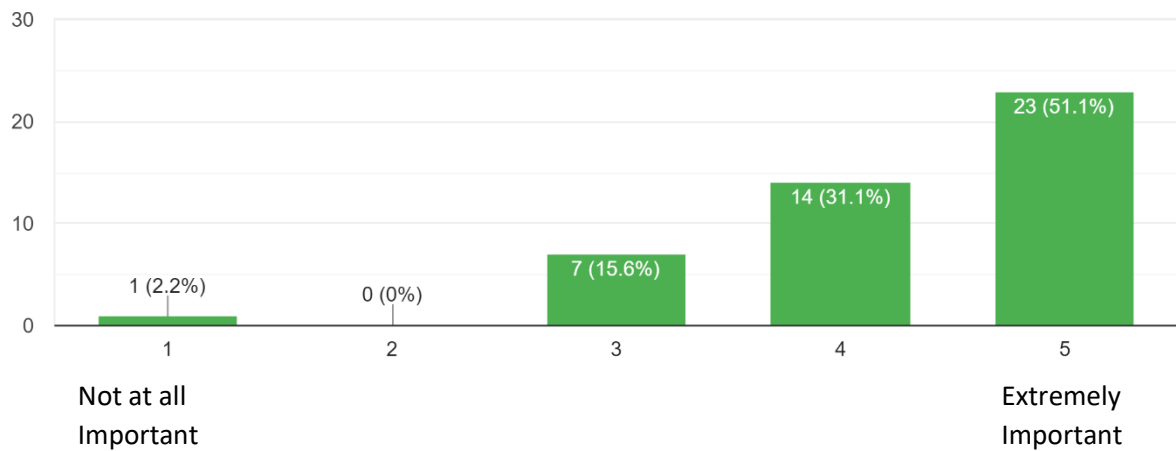
### Encourage social distancing in small group seating.

45 responses



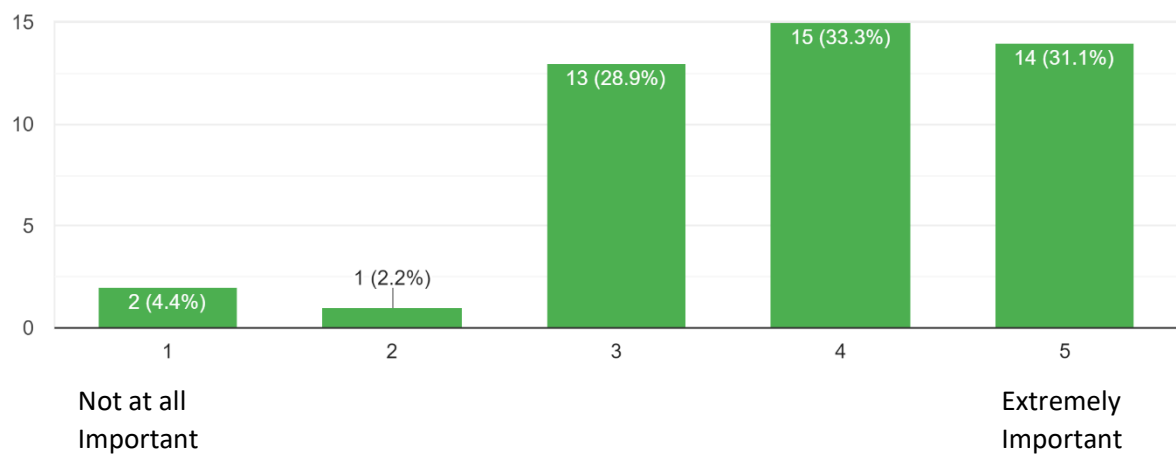
### Prop open doors to eliminate the need to touch handles.

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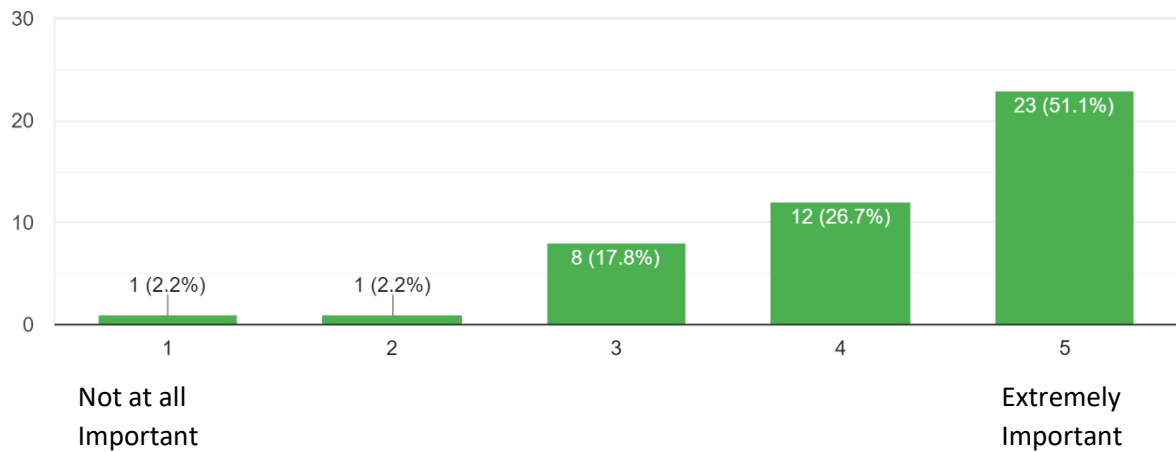
### Setup one way traffic patters for entering and leaving the sanctuary and going to and from the fellowship hall.

45 responses



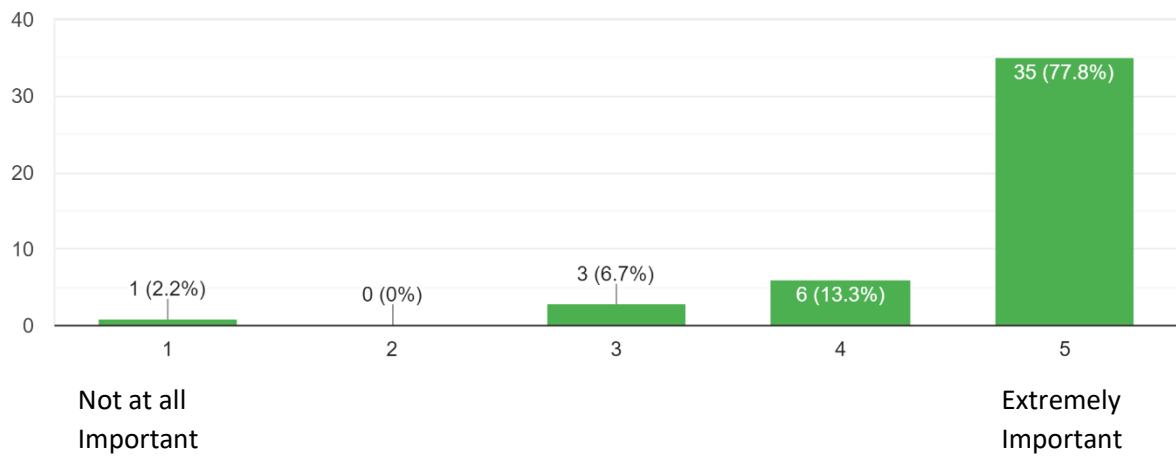
### Provide hand sanitizer stations?

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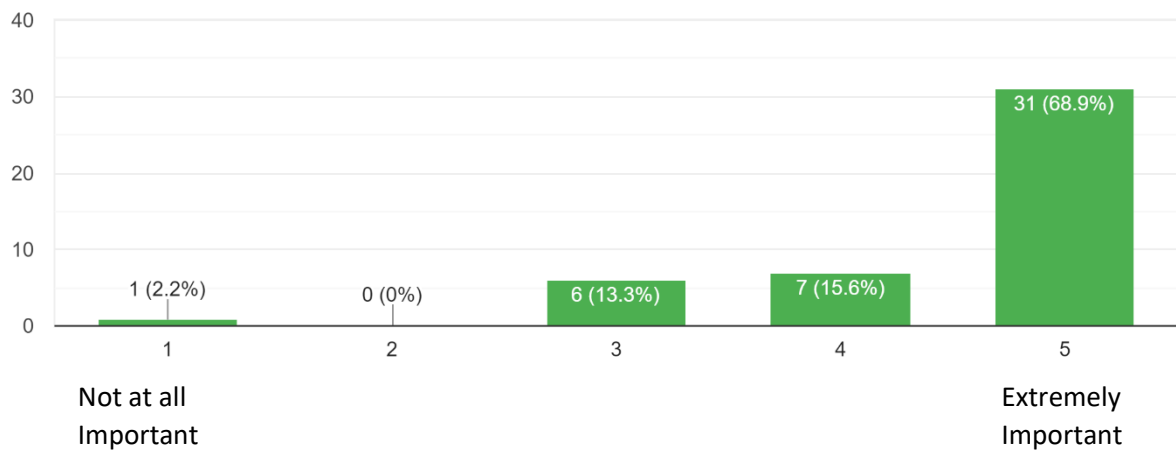
### Discourage the shaking of hands and other physical contact.

45 responses



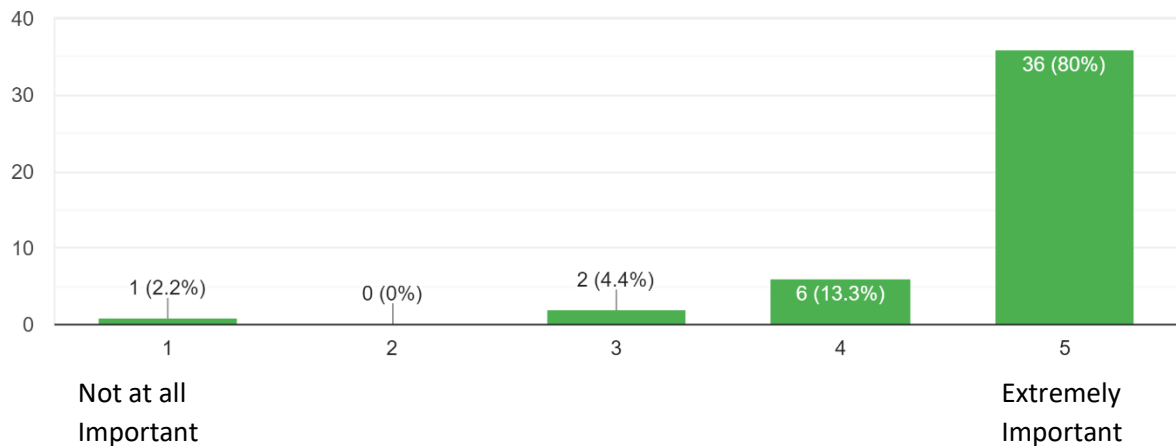
### Limit or eliminate congregational singing inside the building (group singing is considered a high risk activity)

45 responses



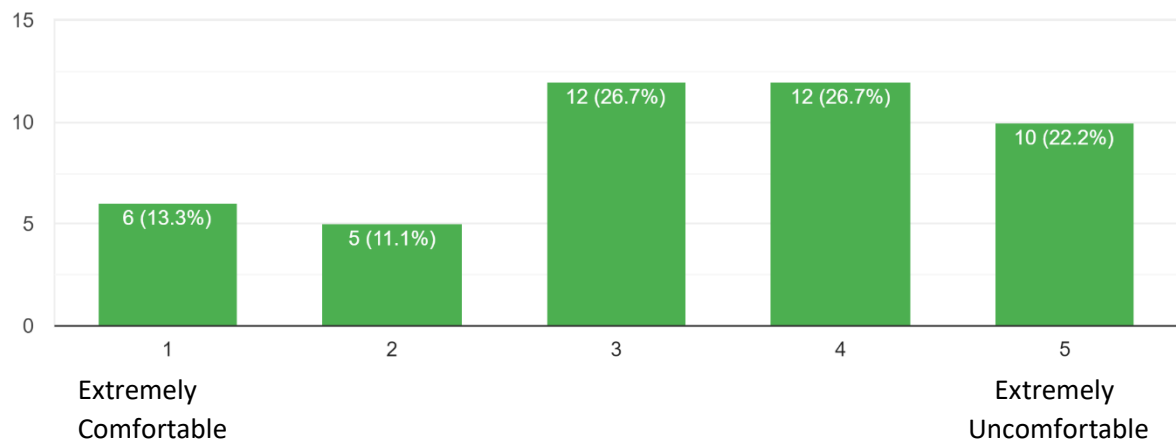
Require that masks be worn in the building.

45 responses



How comfortable are you attending in-person gatherings where adults wear masks but young children do not?

45 responses



**What other precautionary measure did we not ask about that you believe are important or extremely important to allow for in-person worship. 14 Responses**

Case rates in the area seem central to assessing safety of gathering.

Ventilation is very important. Will windows be open and fans on?

Everything I have read from epidemiologists and public health experts suggests that indoor church services are a high-risk situation, even with masks & physical distancing. Short of changing our ventilation system, there's not much we can do to reduce the risk of airborne transmission.

Perhaps eliminate shared fellowship meals until further notice.

Good ventilation (ie open windows or air filters) and shorter services

Perhaps place vulnerable ppl in sanctuary area less foot traffic and breath droplets. Do elderly need to be separated from other ages? Inactivate water faucets. Ask attenders ahead of time to bring their own beverages. Signage groups not to linger in foyer. Bathroom signage wash hands thoroughly. Signage masks must be worn inside unless MD diagnosis. Figure out minimum age children start wearing mask (consult all parents). Are hymnals a vector if following along pianist? VERY important in-sanctuary service be conveyed LIVE to shut-ins. I may have more ideas later.

Length of service--reduce time spent in sanctuary

Seating? bench fabric seats vs. metal chairs which are easier to clean/disinfect

Divide church into small groups which meet rather than bringing everyone back together at once, keep windows open for ventilation, limit length of service, don't pass the mic which people all breath in to, limit music to that which doesn't require breath, And importantly - have some community rules of understanding - don't come to church if you've travelled to a hot spot, if you have engaged in high risk behavior ( that would have to be determined, but examples might be if you ate in a restaurant in the two weeks prior, if you have been exposed to anyone undergoing testing for covid, if you've been to a choir practice, party, etc,)

Cleanliness of the facility, incl. Bathroom

Other considerations - Children's time, microphone usage, songbooks (need to remove?)

None of these precautions matter; as long as covid is among us we shouldn't even consider in-person worship.

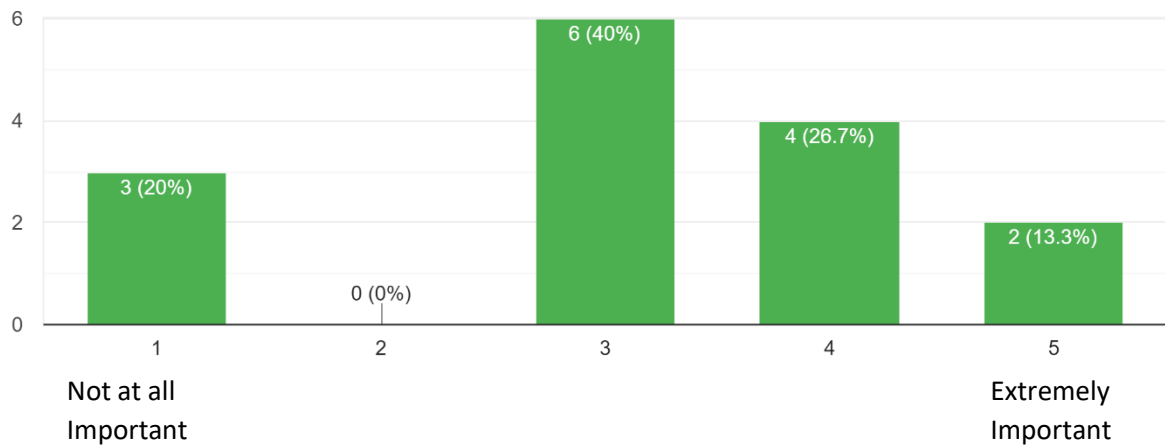
Shared surfaces: hand-held mics, piano, pulpit

Keep windows open when possible

Questions for Families with Young Children - Click on Next to skip this section if you don't have young children in your household.

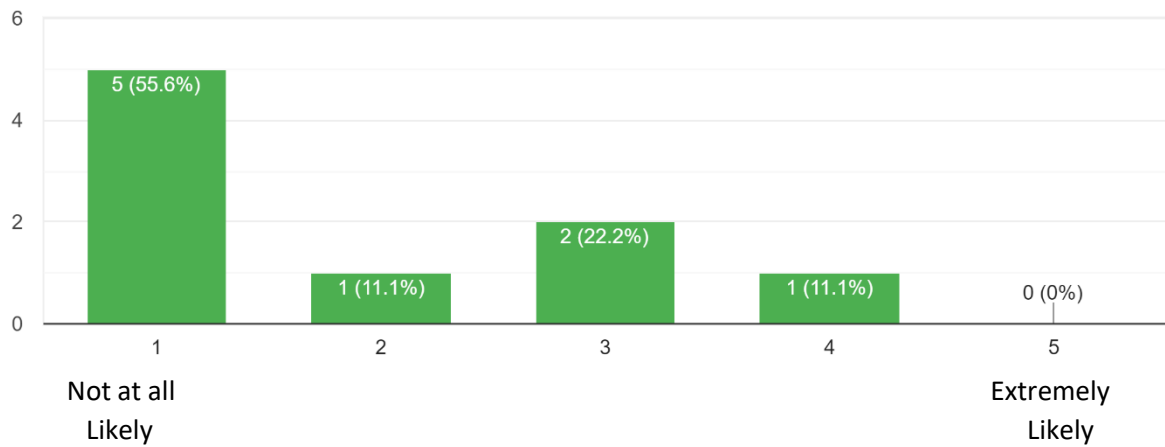
How important is continuing children's time during an in-person worship service?

15 responses



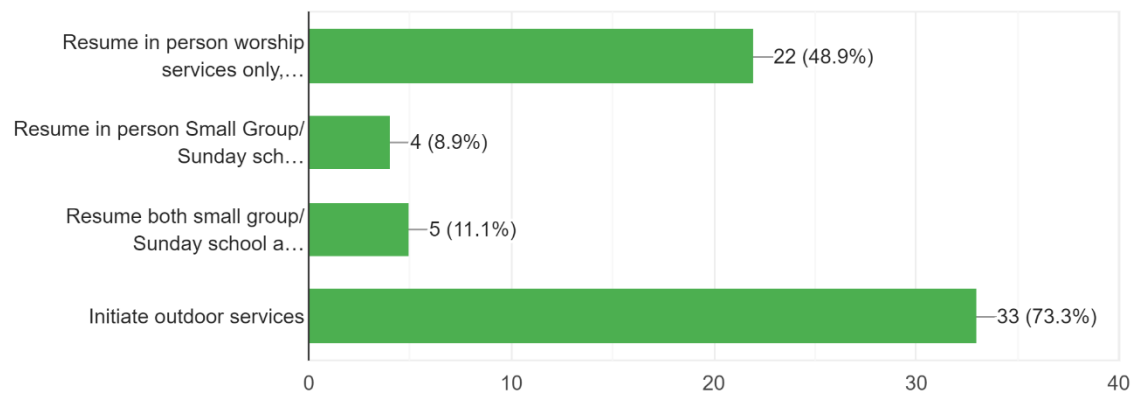
How likely are your children to attend Sunday school once we begin in-person worship?

9 responses



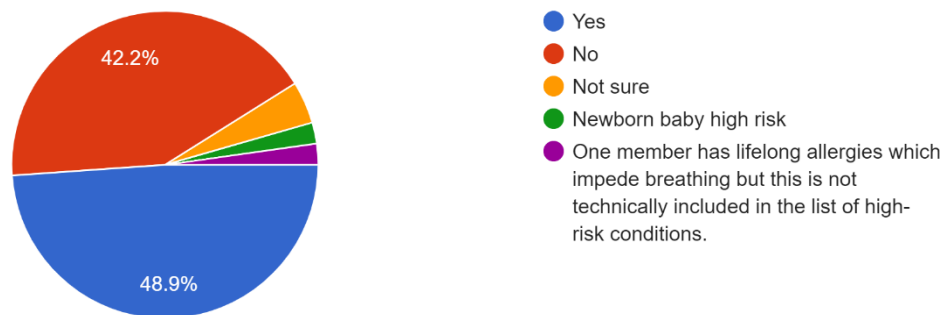
What would be your preference for resuming in-person services. Check all that apply.

45 responses



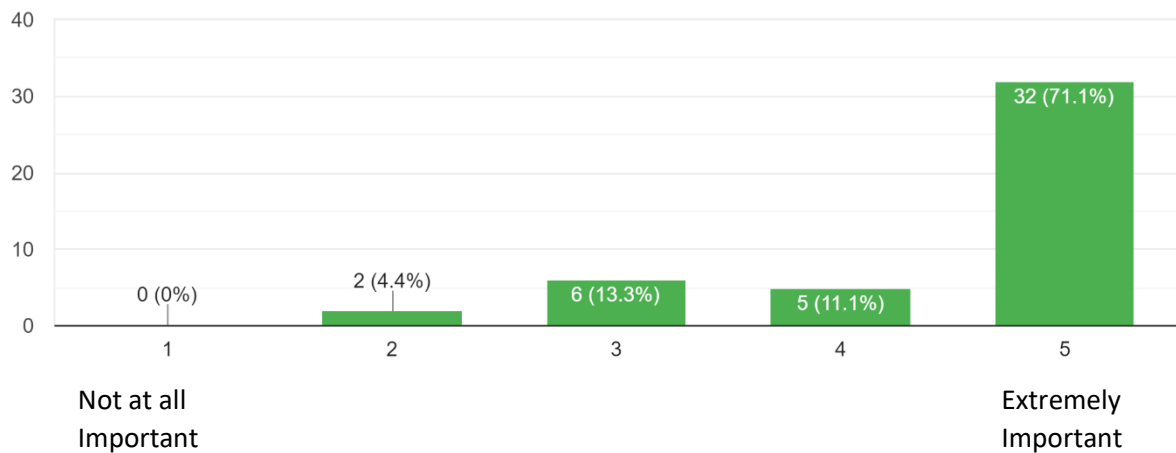
Are you or anyone in your household considered high risk (current medical understanding is this includes those over 65, hypertension, diabetes, ...t lung condition, COPD, CHF, immunocompromised)

45 responses



Once we resume in-person services in our building, how important do you think will be that we continue with hybrid services (in-person and on Zoom) to allow those who are unable to worship in-person to participate in our service?

45 responses



## What other information do you want us to take into consideration as we ponder the reopening of our building?<sup>14</sup> responses

Although Centre County is currently green, please take into consideration the rising levels of infection in Pennsylvania as well as beyond. The return of the students may cause an additional spike. Even for those less likely to die, reports indicate that those who do not die may still have lasting complications from lung, heart, and neurological damage to limb amputations. While holding small, distanced indoor services and outdoor services may improve our sense of community, we must be prepared to shift back online if rates continue to climb.

Any gathering before a vaccine is available is dangerous.

Given everything we know about COVID, I think it would be highly irresponsible to hold in-person services. We have so many people who are high-risk. In-person services would exclude these people from participating. With COVID cases rising across the country and in parts of PA, we need to do our part to contain the epidemic. We should not be part of the problem. I would be willing to do outdoor services if everyone is strict about maintaining distance. That is the only even remotely safe scenario for holding church services.

Please revert back to starting worship at 9:30AM instead of 10:30AM.

CDC guidelines exempt children under 2 from mask wearing, but I cannot get a mask on my 2-yr-old, so I feel this exemption should continue to age 3. I also would probably not feel comfortable using the nursery at this time. Mostly, I am trying to stay outdoors whenever possible, except for brief (15 minutes or less) periods of time.

Please don't isolate shut-ins. Open to any calls to clarify my situation/opinions.  
Limit the use of Meetinghouse to our services only. I am very uncomfortable in allowing any other group to use the Meetinghouse at the present time, or, for that matter, the foreseeable future.

Use of CDC approved disinfectants by housekeeping and in restrooms for individual use

I don't think the in person service and the zoom service need to necessarily be the same thing. A silent in person service would be nice, but not for zoom.

Are there ways that others in the community can use our building if we're not using it right now, or if we'll use it less in the future?

I would prefer to go back to the 9:30 a.m. start time for either Zoom or in-person worship service.

Safely reopening will depend on two things: 1) a vaccine that most of the population has taken and 2) effective treatments. In the meantime, I am thankful for our wonderful Zoom services. Many thanks to all who make it happen.

Local and regional infection and hospitalization rates.

The personal caveat I should add is that if I am required to return to work in my school building (rather than working remotely) I should probably not come to church at all. My exposure risk will be significant enough to not want to increase it for myself or to bring my high exposure to fellow church members.