



First Congregational Church

An open and inclusive community of faith.

APRIL UPDATE FROM THE REOPENING COMMITTEE

GREAT NEWS!! WE HAVE A PLAN TO REOPEN!!

The Reopening Committee recommended a plan to the Church Council which was approved. We have a date planned but all plans depend on reaching the benchmark numbers set forth by the Wisconsin Council of Churches.

We are looking at 3 numbers:

Vaccination rate of 50 - 70%

New cases of < 5 - 10 per 100,000

Positive Test Rate of < 10%

We are using numbers from Ozaukee County as that is the most relevant to our congregation. Here are the websites for any who wish to watch with us:

<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/vaccine-data.htm#residents>

This link shows the vaccination data. Click on Ozaukee County for county specific data. Vaccination rate as of 3/31/21 (Ozaukee County) is **37.3%** single dose and 20.7% both doses.

<https://www.arcgis.com/apps/opstdashboard/index.html#/a422d25a1c184f77aec4c414e9f4bc1b>

This link is the Washington Ozaukee Counties Dashboard. See the right side to filter to just Ozaukee County. Click the "Burden" tab to see total number of cases per 100,000 residents in the past 2 weeks. This number, as of 3/31/21, is 128.9, divided by 14 (days) is **9.2**. The Dashboard also shows Ozaukee County's 7-Day rolling average of % positive tests. As of 3/31/21 this number is **6.6%**.

The target date that was picked, if all benchmarks are met, is Sunday morning, April 18, 2021, with one service at 9:00. Safety protocols will be in place. Reservations will be required through Sign-up Genius. Attendance will be limited by social distancing requirements. Masks will be mandatory.

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There will be music but no congregation singing at this point. We plan to publish an informational video on "What to Expect When Returning to In-Person Worship".

Online, recorded, and live services will continue. When we start in-person we will record those services as well. Thank you to the 67 folks who completed our second survey last month. The results of the survey are included on the next page.

The health and safety of all, especially the most vulnerable among us, has been our priority from the beginning. We have a plan, and we thank God for that! We miss everyone and look so forward to being together again!

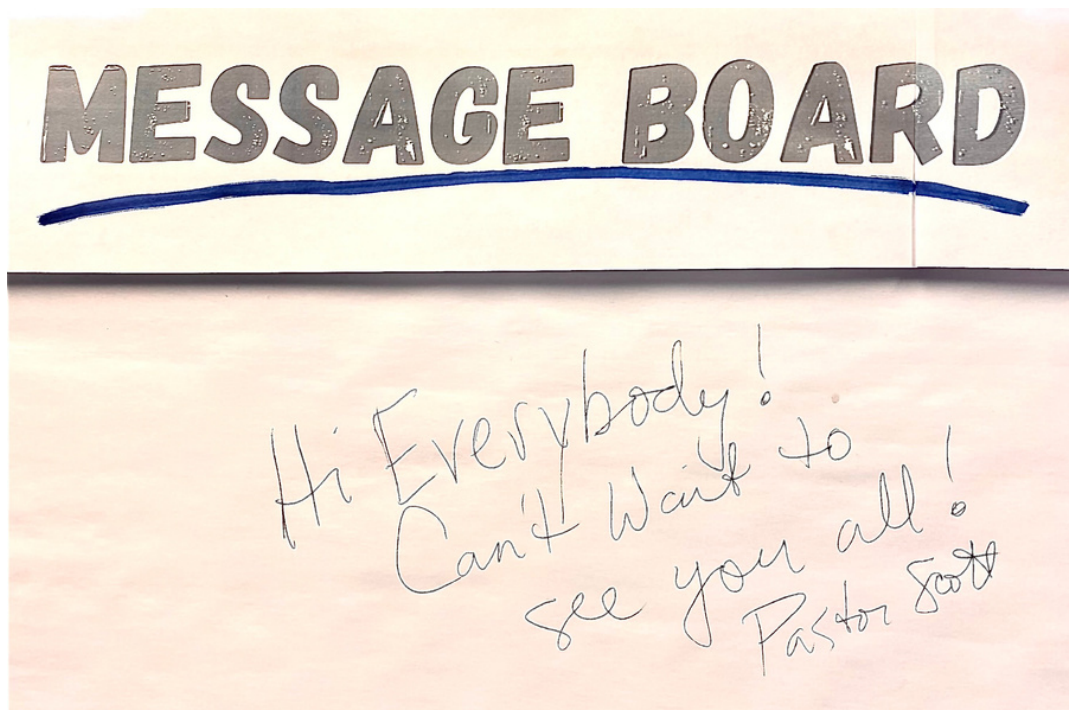
Phil Stepanski

Reopening Committee Chair

and Associate Moderator on the Church Council

Reopening Committee members - Savannah Anderson, Brett Dimmer, Doug McManus, Kerry O'Brien, Mike Spalding, Tom Roehrig, and Pastor Scott

PLEASE SEE NEXT PAGE FOR RESULTS FROM OUR SECOND SURVEY

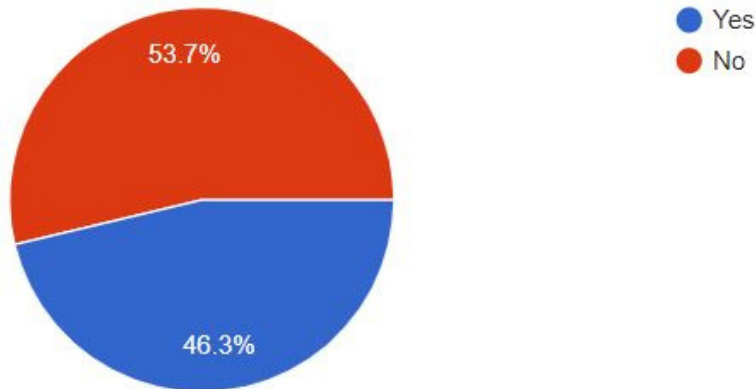


A note from Pastor Scott on the message board in the entryway during Lenten Connections.

Reopening Committee's Second Survey Results – March 2021

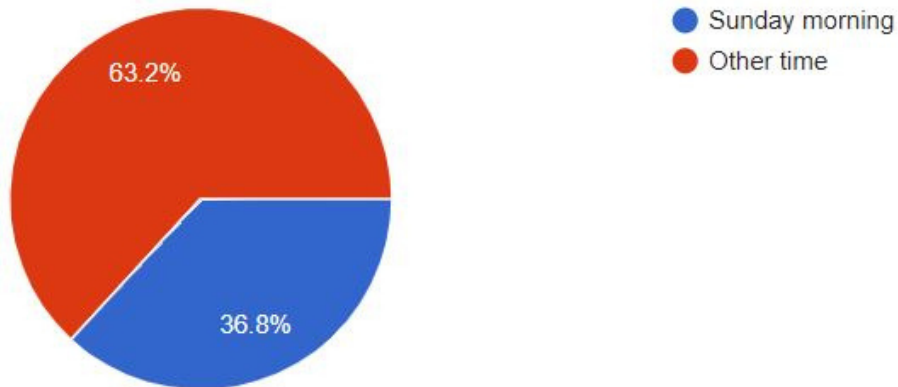
Do you watch most of the online church services?

67 responses



Do you watch on Sunday morning or at a different, more convenient, time?

57 responses



We have been conducting more and more live Zoom services and meetings which allows for interaction. Do you prefer the recorded services or the live Zoom?

57 responses

