

Welcome Back Together - Mid-summer

July

- **Come!**
 - Check "**Recent Posts**" at <https://firstuucolumbus.org/athome/> for:
 - **Friday News** or email our Director of Congregational Life, [Kelli McNeal](#)
 - **Justice Updates** or email [Amanda Hays](#), Social Justice Coordinator
 - Contact [Amber Scott](#), Director of Religious Exploration to receive the RE News email.
 - Reserve a space indoors or outside
 - Call Marian Garcia (614-267-4946, ext. 210)
 - Use the Covid attendance form found [here](#).
- **Prepare!**
 - ***Is it true that nearly all of us age 12 and up are fully vaccinated?*** [Participate in the survey](#) (ends soon!)
 - Make a quilt square to give it to [Deb Baillieul](#) by Aug. 1st. Supplies are available in a bin at the church entrance.
- **Commit!**
 - Sign up to join a Religious Exploration Sunday School Teaching Team and commit a few Sundays a month. Check the Friday News or email RE Director [Amber Scott](#)
- **Play!**
 - Families are encouraged to use the playgrounds and reconnect with friends on Sunday afternoons from 1-3pm. Restrooms will be accessible.
 - If a camp group is present, please do not use the playground.
 - Please do not access or use the play equipment that has been put away.
 - The church building may not be accessible for restroom use except as noted above.
- **Protect!**
 - Mask when attending gatherings inside our building, except when eating and then optimize space and fresh air.
 - Why?
 - Because vaccination, even full vaccination, doesn't guarantee that you won't catch or spread Covid.
 - Because for some people, vaccination isn't available or doesn't work.
 - Because we care about every person who comes through our doors.
 - Because wearing a face covering out of concern for the well-being of others is in keeping with [First UU's Pandemic Behavior Covenant](#).
 - Recognizing current CDC guidance, fully vaccinated ministers and staff may choose whether or not to mask while working alone or in very small meetings in their offices with other fully vaccinated people.

Late July/Early August

- Community Sharing
 - All will be invited to structured listening/sharing circles to talk about reopening, led by members of the church board and reopening team members. Dates, times and signups will be published soon.

Late August/Early September

- Starting August 15th, come for the service on Sunday mornings!
 - Arrive about 9:50 to enjoy in person opening music. This is a chance for our tech team to practice live streaming the service.

- Come as you are - PJs and travel mugs are welcome. Please no food or uncovered drinks in the worship center.
- People of all ages will spread out in the worship center to be together for the service. No separate childcare provided; all ages are invited to bring their own quiet toys to enjoy during the service.
- Stay for a few minutes after the service to visit with each other, look around the building, and play on the playground.

Universal Expectations:

1. Assess one's own health (and the health of those in close contact). Do not attend if there are symptoms of COVID-19 or if in a period of isolation/quarantine as defined by the Ohio Department of Health.
2. **Because we care about the health and safety of all members of our community, we continue to wear masks indoors.**
3. For those without vaccines, maintain a minimum of 6 feet between individuals or family groups/established pods who may continue to be in close contact.
4. While infection is primarily airborne, keeping hands and surfaces clean continues to be recommended.
5. All of life's plans are subject to change. The First UU staff may make necessary adjustments in response to adverse developments.
6. Pandemic Behavior Covenant and First UU of Columbus Mission and Vision Statement