Greetings Church,

We hope this finds you well and anticipating God's blessings as we continue our journey through the current pandemic. We are sure many of you are wondering when we will be able to worship together again and what that may look like. The board, at its monthly meeting last night, has decided after much prayer and discussion to have our first service back at the church on June 7th at 10 am. Things are going to look a little different, and our practices will have to change at least for the short term so we can be together.

We will be meeting in the Family Center for at least the first few weeks. This will allow us to use a more confined space and control the seating in a more efficient manner. In order to get an idea of how many will be attending on the 7th, we are asking you to register or RSVP with the office if you are coming. Please look for a form being made available to you to do just that online from our website, or you can simply call the office at 330-832-6000. All we need to know is who you are and how many from your family will be attending. We will want you to follow this practice until further notice to help us prepare for services. Once we get a feel for attendance, we may be able to forgo this step.

We are asking that if you are 65 or over or if you have any underlying health conditions, that you use great caution in considering attending church services. We also recommend the use of a face mask while you are at church but it is not mandatory. What will be mandatory is observing social distancing. You and your family may sit together in your assigned seats if you have registered. If you have not registered you are welcome to come, but please sit at least six feet away from anyone not in your family, and please try your best to maintain six feet from others while moving about on the property. We will try to provide a mask for you if you want one and do not have one, but if you already have one, and want to wear it, please bring it with you. We will also have hand sanitizer available, but again, if you have some you can bring with you, please do. Please follow the usher's directions as they try to monitor restrooms, seating, and entering and exiting the building. Finally, avoid handshakes, hugs, and congregating to talk as these will be counterproductive to our efforts to keep you healthy.

We look forward to seeing you with great anticipation on June 7th. It will be wonderful to be together again to lift up the name of Jesus and worship Him as a church body. In the meantime and continuing on even after our church reopens, we will make available on Sunday mornings, video of our sermons which can be accessed through our website Stanwoodchurch.com, or YouTube. If you have any questions you can feel free to contact a board member or the office.

In His Service,

Al Bottomley for the Board