

Temple Youth COVID Response Plan

In an effort to “do no harm” and to be fully aligned with our church’s vision to be a safe community in Jesus’ name, The Executive Committee of the Church Council is working prayerfully and making all decisions regarding Methodist Temple’s reopening plan. It is mine and their desire to gather together as a church safely in the midst of the pandemic. All decisions come after a lot of prayer and thoughtful consideration for the safety, health (both physical and mental/emotional), and well-being of our church members, and are made using the county metrics and Vanderburgh County’s “Weekly Score” provided on the coronavirus.in.gov website.

Red (3)	No in-person events to be held. Return to virtual programming.
Orange (2 and 2.5)	In-person youth events may be held outdoors only, weather-permitting, with required masks and social distancing. In-person worship with required masks and social distancing.
Yellow (1 and 1.5)	In-person youth events may be held in the church building with required masks and social distancing. All events will be planned with specific adaptations to maintain safety.

As of 10/14/20, Vanderburgh County has a Weekly Score of 2, putting us in the Orange classification.

Sunday School: **Continuing through November**; Sundays, 10-10:45am; In-Person; Outdoors (Courtyard); Weather-Permitting; Masks required until all are seated; Social distancing required

Youth Group: **Beginning Sunday, November 1**; Sundays, 3-4:30pm; In-Person; Outdoors (Home base: Courtyard); Weather-Permitting; Masks required unless all are seated; Social distancing required; Youth are expected to dress for the weather and bring their own lawn chair; If we are unable to meet in person, we will meet on Zoom at the same time

Weather Restrictions: If the temperature falls below 50 degrees, or if it is raining/storming, we will not meet in-person while in the Orange classification.

Volunteer Restrictions: At least two other adult volunteers are needed in order to meet in-person on Sunday afternoons. If at least two volunteers are not available, we will cancel or meet virtually instead. (If you would like to be on my on-call list of adult volunteers in the event my regular volunteers are unavailable, please let me know. Having an on-call list will ensure that the youth are able to meet in-person more regularly.)