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Dear People of Mount Olive,

You have probably heard lots of discussion about churches considering resuming in-person worship with precautions in the near future. We have talked over the issue in our staff meetings, and the staff is united in its recommendation that we continue our present practices in order to keep people safe. The corona virus is still present in our community; people are still getting sick and dying. Worship services have been shown to be 'super-spreaders' of the virus, therefore we cannot, with any confidence, guarantee that people will be safe at worship. In order to address the issue of isolation during this time, we recommend that you consider establishing a "spiritual pod", a small group of 2-3 individuals, 2-3 couples, or 2 family units, that will covenant with one another to practice safe practices in the public arena, while allowing members of the pod to interact freely for worship and other spiritual activities. This would enable, for example, single individuals to have another person to commune with during Sunday worship. Each pod would need to establish its own guidelines for safe practices while in public. We continue to give thanks that members of Mount Olive and our sister churches are well. We trust that by continuing our present practices, this will continue. Stay well.

Blessings,

Pastor Glenn Monson