

Harbor at the Grange: What to Expect

As colder weather is upon us, we are transitioning to in-person, indoor gatherings on Sunday mornings at 10am at the **Topsham Grange at 47 Pleasant Street in Topsham**. This new location will allow us to accommodate up to 100 people while still socially distancing as households, in accordance with [state guidelines](#).

Important General Info:

- For the time being, **masks will be required** for everyone in the Topsham Grange building.
- Our service will feature opportunities to **sing quietly while masked**, led by a limited, masked band.
- Kids' Cove environments remain closed for the time being, but we will continue to **offer a children's Bible story before/after the adult sermon** in the same space as the adult service. Please [let us know](#) if you would like to receive our weekly parent email that includes lessons and craft ideas to reinforce spiritual education at home.
- Similar to our services at Thomas Point Beach, **social distancing will be required** before, during, and after the service and seating will be in household groups and situated at least 6 feet apart.
- The space where we will be meeting is an upstairs auditorium. **A chair lift is available** for any who require assistance getting up/down stairs.
- **Greeters will be sanitizing high-touch areas** (railings, doors, bathroom faucets etc.).

Arrival & Parking:

- Park in the lot next to the Topsham Grange, being careful not to block traffic flow or entrances/exits.
- Enter through the double doors (wheelchair ramp available) where you will be met by a masked greeter who will be **logging all attendees** per the state of Maine COVID-19 gathering recommendations. The information recorded will be the name of the individual/family, # of adults and children, and phone number. These records will only be stored on paper and will be shredded after 3 weeks. Records will only be shared with government agencies in the event that virus contact tracing is necessary.
- **We are only allowing up to 100 people indoors** per state guidelines. Once we reach 100 attendees, the service will be closed to in-person attendees, but all are welcome to log on to our Facebook page to watch the live broadcast. If there is an ongoing need for increased capacity, we will strategize a solution. In the meantime, we encourage anyone with guests to show up early (doors open at 9:45) to guarantee seating availability.

Service:

- Unlike at Thomas Point Beach, attendees do not need to bring their own chairs. Seating will be arranged in groups – a greeter will help you **select the seating option that best matches your household size**. Seating is not flexible for rearrangement (moving or adding seats) once situated due to impact on spacing configurations. Thank you for your understanding.
- A table at the entrance to the auditorium will have some hand sanitizer, an offering container and any children's or other resources available for that day.
- **Please practice social distancing** before, during, after, and while exiting the service.

Other details:

- **Communion** will not be served during the service.

- **Windows and doors in the auditorium will be ajar** to increase airflow.
- An MP3 of the sermon will be posted online as was our practice before the pandemic. These are typically posted by Tuesday afternoon.
- We are planning to **broadcast our services live on Facebook Sunday mornings** for those who choose not to attend in person. Please note this broadcast depends on cell service or WiFi reliability.
- We ask that attendees remaining after the service **maintain social distancing** the entire time they are present on site.
- We ask that post-service socializing be done outside to the greatest extent possible.
- We ask that the team members serving be the only ones to help disassemble after the service.
- **We ask anyone who is sick or showing symptoms of COVID-19, or who has had direct exposure to COVID-19 or traveled outside of the [governor-approved list of states](#) within the past 14 days, to please not attend our in-person gathering.** Thank you for helping us to keep everyone safe!

Thanks for reading! Please feel free to reach out with questions or feedback by emailing us at office@northharbor.org anytime. We look forward to seeing you soon!