

Strategies for Covid-19 at the Portland Spiritualist Church

- 1.) Masks will be an absolute necessity. They are to be worn at all times, even when singing. Julie – our newest member-has been making masks during this Covid-19 pandemic and selling them on-line. She has offered to have some available for sale for \$10 - \$5 of which will be donated to the church. It would be an opportunity to have a “go to meeting mask” that is a bit dressier, less sterile, and fun. There will be the blue masks available if you forget yours and also sanitizer.
- 2.) No hugs or handshakes. The oriental method of a light bow or nod is very courteous and user friendly under current conditions.
- 3.) Hand sanitizers will be available. If one has a cough from allergies, for example, they should carry cough drops with them.
- 4.) In suitable weather the outside doors to the Dunn Street Legion will remain open to avoid contamination of many handling the door handles. Up stairs the door will be open as usual.
- 5.) The Healing Book will be handled only by Rev. Beth Carter and/or the moderator, so get names for the list to Beth by email – 2007spiritualist@peoplepc.com- or telephone – 797-2039, or at the door as you arrive.
- 6.) There will be assigned seats for members and regular attendees. (Sort of like the old pew system.) Many of our members and attendees have their favorite location, so those chairs will have the appropriate names on them. 25 chairs have been removed leaving 22 seats.
- 7.) Only the moderator and the speaker/medium will be at the podium. There will be no hands on healing at this time. The moderator will do a guided meditation or play soft music for a quiet meditation.
- 8.) There will be an appropriate container at the front of the sanctuary in which you may place your Love Offering. There will be no physical gathering of the Love Offering.
- 9.) There will be no circle at the front of the sanctuary for “Let There Be Peace.”
- 10.) There will be no fellowship after the service or gathering at doorways.
- 11.) Some will be concerned about air flow. There is all new screening on the windows upstairs, so they can be open in good weather. Of course, we have the fans which have also been cleaned.