



Why are sign-ups for Indoor Services currently necessary?

Sign-ups are necessary because:

1. While New Jersey restricts indoor gatherings to 25 persons, the State has made an exception for religious gatherings, allowing up to 150 persons (with appropriate physical distancing and masks). The Board of Elders, in reviewing Biblical commands to both obey governing authorities in their legitimate exercise of power and to love one's neighbor, have determined that this State regulation does not constitute a situation in which we must "obey God rather than men." Sign-ups facilitate complying with the 150-person limit.
2. There are some churches which have become a venue for the spread of the virus. While we are taking precautions to make this very unlikely at Stone Hill, it is possible that there will be an individual (or several individuals) who may be positive for the virus after attending a worship service. Having a sign-up list facilitates notifying congregants of a possible exposure. Our intention is to keep this list confidential, and to destroy the list after the 14-day incubation period. In the unlikely event of a church-related outbreak, Stone Hill Church will cooperate with public health officials in attempting to contain the outbreak, including sharing information with officials when ordered by the Princeton Health Department.