

CUMC REOPENING TEAM REPORT

May 26, 2020 Meeting

The Reopening Team comprised of Bill Bunt, Kathy Charette, Ron Chipriano, Bob Goeltsch, Pastor Mira Hewlett, Kerm Leitner and Pastor Jim VanZandt met for the second time via Zoom.

As reported previously, the Reopening Team will continue to monitor the website for the Commonwealth of PA (PA.gov) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC.gov) for changes in restrictions and requirements as we plan our reopening.

With the opening of Little Lights Learning Center on Monday, June 1, and the partial reopening of the church offices on the same day, it was important that CUMC's own guidelines for building usage during the pandemic, specific cleaning instructions, room user requirements and a timeline for overall reopening during the YELLOW phase be finalized at this meeting, and all were accomplished.

Additionally, by the time you have received this report, you should have already had the opportunity to complete a survey. The Reopening Team will use the data compiled by the survey to help guide us in making further decisions about building usage and worship services.

As reported last week, the parking lot entrance will be closed during the week to the public between the hours of 5:30am and 6:30pm. This entrance will be dedicated solely for the use by the Little Lights Learning Center's staff and parents.

As the office begins to open we have put some safety procedures in place. Anyone wishing to enter the church office, needs to follow these procedures:

- Upon arriving, call the number posted on the sign, which is the church office number;
- Let us know who you are and what we can do to help you today;
- You will be asked if you are wearing a mask; if not, you will be told to pick one up from the table inside the door when you enter;
- The receptionist will open the door and instruct you to wait until they have moved beyond the marked area on the floor;
- The receptionist's desk and the desk of the administrative assistant are now protected with plexiglass.

Office hours through June 12 will be 9am-noon, M-F.

Starting on June 15, regular office hours (9am-4pm) will resume.

The next meeting of the CUMC Reopening Team has been scheduled for tomorrow, June 4. At that time, the team will review the reopening of LLLC and the partial reopening of the church offices.

Recently, one of our members, Don Schoeps, sent an article written by Rev. Alex A. Shanks, assistant to Bishop Ken Carter of the Florida Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church to several members of the Reopening Team. It closed with these words: **As we reopen our buildings, may we seek to be in God's time and not our own. We follow a God of hope and resurrection who knows all about making all things new (Isaiah 43:18). That is where our ultimate faith lies. Remember, the church has never closed. The church remains open, even as we don't physically gather in our building. We do all of this so that we might fully love our neighbors as we love ourselves. (Mark 12:31).**