

CUMC REOPENING TEAM REPORT

June 4, 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 third time via Zoom.

In reviewing the reopening of Little Lights Learning Center and the partial reopening of the church offices on June 1, we learned that both reopenings have gone well. Parents of our daycare children have been complimentary and pleased with the precautions, which are now in place. Regarding the church offices, please do not use the doorbell. Instead, call the number listed on the sign (717.249.1512) when you arrive at the door and follow the procedures that are listed.

As we begin to enter the GREEN phase, we will continue to review the usage of our building. Knowing that Pastor Jim is quite a car enthusiast and that his time with us until retirement is getting shorter and shorter, we have begun to plan Drive In Services slated to begin on June 21 at the Spring Garden Campus. Our planning is predicated upon receiving one additional piece of equipment to broadcast the service over AM radios in your cars or through WiFi on your phones. The online Worship Experiences will continue to be offered. The CUMC Reopening Team wants everyone to feel comfortable and connected to each other as we continue to travel together during this completely new season for all of us.

Thanks to all of you who completed a survey which you received on May 29. You can see the results of the surveys by clicking on this link:

Our next meeting is scheduled for tomorrow, June 11. At that time, we will hear the worship plans for the Drive In Services, which Pastor Jim, Pastor Mira and Kerm Leitner have developed. Kathy Charette will be contacting some of you to help in a number of new ways as we offer these services for the first time.

In closing, may the words of our Susquehanna Conference Bishop, Jeremiah Park resonate with each of you: "Let's also be reminded that the United Methodist congregations in the Susquehanna Conference have never been closed. We are being the church in new ways! Indeed, during this pandemic, the mighty wind of God's Spirit has been blowing in new and transforming ways. Because you have been open to this movement of innovation and ingenuity with faithfulness and commitment, God is using you to reach new people, while keeping our people in close contact and care. Because of your creativity and passion for the Good News of Jesus Christ, you and your congregations are finding new ways to invite others into Christian discipleship. Because you've taken the time to learn new Internet communication platforms, more people are hearing the Gospel proclaimed. Because of your continued offerings of essential ministries, you are showing that God's loving-kindness and caring presence cannot be contained. Thanks be to God for you! "