

CUMC REOPENING TEAM REPORT

June 11, 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 fourth time via Zoom.

Since our last meeting, Governor Wolf announced that Cumberland County would be moving into the GREEN phase on June 12. To start the meeting, the Team examined specific changes in this phase and identified that the major change now permits gatherings of 250 individuals or less. Applying the requirements directed to businesses in the GREEN phase, the wearing of masks and maintaining social distancing will still be required for activities taking place at CUMC.

Tragically during the Stay at Home order, there were a number of deaths among our congregation, and with the church shut down families were limited to graveside services. Starting the week of June 21, memorial services will be conducted in our Sanctuary for families making that request by contacting Pastor Jim or Pastor Mira. In order to maintain the safest health conditions during the week when Little Lights Learning Center is open, these services will be scheduled on Saturdays and Sunday afternoons. All attendees will be required to wear masks and maintain social distancing by sitting in seats designated for use in the Sanctuary and, if necessary, in the Gathering.

Usage of the church vans or private vehicles transporting children/youth during the pandemic will require seating for half of the capacity (for church vans that means six individuals including the driver). All occupants must be masked, seated as far apart as possible, and the vehicles must be sanitized after each trip.

As previously announced, Drive In Worship Services will begin on June 21 at 9am. Attendees will be restricted to either remain in their cars (unmasked if they so choose), or sit in front of their parked car masked and six feet away from others outside their vehicles. Do not put lawn chairs on the islands as they have been freshly seeded. There will be no restroom facilities for use inside or outside of the building.

At this time we are planning that these Drive In Worship Services will continue on June 28, July 5 and July 12. The Reopening Team will be planning for the future use of the Sanctuary for Sunday services during these weeks and make announcements as these plans have been formalized. Online worship experiences will continue to be made available every Sunday morning at 8am.

The Reopening Team's next meeting is scheduled for Monday June 22. Please continue to pray for Pastor Jim and Pastor Mira during this season in which we find ourselves and always remember **Faith over Fear and Prayer over Panic.**

