

COVID RESPONSE TEAM REPORT

October 26, 2021

The Covid Response Team (CRT) comprised of Bill Bunt, Kathy Charette, Ron Chipriano, Bob Goeltsch, Pastor Mira Hewlett and Kerm Leitner met on Tuesday, October 26, via Zoom. Pastor Jake Waybright was out of town and unable to attend.

The Covid data for Cumberland County remains high particularly with the increasing numbers of hospitalizations. Some of the other numbers are starting to decline slightly. The Covid Response Team (CRT) analyzes this data every week and uses it to help guide our decisions.

Much of the meeting was devoted to identifying specific protocols for our staff to follow when exhibiting symptoms which necessitate testing to occur. Kathy Charette will be creating a chart listing all of the protocols approved by the CRT. The staff will be receiving this chart when it has been completed.

For now, food and drinks will still not be available inside the church following worship services. It remains imperative that our most vulnerable members and friends be afforded maximum protection as they enter and leave our worship services.

Church ministries, which would like to serve food and drinks, must submit a written plan to the pastors for their approval. This plan must include the Covid-19 protocols that will be implemented and monitored during the event.

The CRT recognizes and appreciates the many adjustments it has asked all of you to make since March 2020. It will be a blessed day when our work has been completed, and we can gather without masks, hang around inside after services, drink coffee and just enjoy each other's company. Last week Bishop Sandra started her sermon by asking, "Are we there yet?" Unfortunately, the answer regarding Covid remains "No!" Let's continue to pray for the day when we can answer "Yes" and sing the spiritual, *Oh Happy Day!*