**Pastoral Report August = September 2020**

**August 14 – September 17, 2020 (Since last report submitted August 13, 2020)**

Due to COVID concerns, the church building has been closed from March 16 – September 12. Online worship (Live streaming Facebook and website) has been active since March 22

**A few Face to Face Meetings are occurring**

**Zoom meetings are an option, as are email meetings for councils**

Worship

- Led worship/preached on the following days

August 16 (live stream 1 service, teleconferencing); August 23 (live stream 1 service, teleconferencing; ); August 30 (live stream 1 service, teleconferencing); ); September 6 (live stream 1 service, teleconferencing); September 13 virtual (live stream 1 service, teleconferencing)

**Funeral**: none at present

**Wedding** August 15- Carlos and Jennifer

Sept 5 - Amanda and Zach

**Baptism** none at present

**Administrative**

Change in weather, change in Office Administrator, still living faithfully

**Meetings**

August 17 - consistory

August 18 – pastoral concerns

August 19 - staff meeting

August 19 – re-opening the church committee

August 19 – meeting with outgoing Admin Assistant

August 19 – meeting in incoming Admin Assistant

August 26 – goodbye lunch for Iva

September 1 - Pastoral Concerns

September 1 – Clergy support group (zoom)

September 1 – church and ministry council

September 8 – Pastoral Concerns

September 8 – Church and Community Connections Council

September 9 – Stewardship Council (Zoom)

September 10 – Conference meeting, status (Zoom)

September 10 – Pennsylvania Food Bank (webinar)

September 15 – Pastoral Concerns

September 15 – Penn Central Conference (returning to church) Zoom

September 16 – staff meeting

September 16 – webinar with Thom Ranier (consequences for post covid churches)

September 17 – Re-opening committee meeting

**Pastoral Care**

Calls - 31

Pastoral Care/Counselling – 14

Continued use of texting too as well as social media to connect and check in on people

**Outreach/Ventures**

August 13- Sylvester brown, mlk event, virtual meeting

August 29 – penn central conference ucc event at church

August 31 – help family in need with hotel living expense (Emily)

August 31 – 4 phone calls re: back to school bash

September 5 – back to school event, 25 kids attended

Sept 10 – patient Williams about Christmas gifts

Sept 12 – set up for new life breakfast

Sept 13 – set up for new life breakfast

September 15 – supplies over to Hope Station

**Theology Pub: - Alibi’s Eatery and Spirits**

8/16/20 zoom 3 people on call

9/13/2020 zoom 3 people on call

Due to lack of numbers, this group will stay monthly for now on zoom

**Community Office Hours:**

August 20 - no community office hours due to safety concerns (and Panera not open to seating)

August 27 - no community office hours due to safety concerns (and Panera not open to seating)

September 3- no community office hours due to safety concerns

September 10 - no community office hours due to safety concerns

As Panera has re-opened to limited seating, I plan to go and scout it out before re-starting this

**FELLOWSHIP EVENTS** –

Men’s group and weekday festival events are on hold, depending on decisions of consistory and statements from the governor about Cumberland county

**INFORMATIONAL**

No sunset vespers or Messy church for fall for the time being (building not being open, possible restrictions in future on building usage)

Sabbatical notion: sometime in or after 7th year work anniversary

**Fall Small Groups/Activities**

A continuing discussion needs to be held (whether events will happen or be cancelled in the fall)

**Status of Church/Community events**

**Back to School Bash September 5 –** event held, smaller Amani event, made gift bags up for 100 children of assorted ages - 25 kids encountered event, will repurpose remaining supplies to another organization (money to purchase supplies was from grants outside of the church)

**Neighborhood Block Party October 2, 2020 (or another date in October)–** being discussed whether if this will happen, and if it does, how it will happen