**Pastoral Report March 2020- May 2020**

**March 12- May 22 (Since last report submitted March 11, 2020)**

Due to COVID concerns, the church building has been closed from March 16 – Jun 1 (June1) Online worship (Live streaming Facebook and website) has been active since March 22, and will continue through Holy Week and beyond

Face to Face Meetings are put on hold for the time being, unless there are pressing issue

Zoom meetings are an option, as are email meetings

**Worship**

- Led worship/preached on the following days

March 15, 22 (video and live stream), 29 (video and live stream) April 2 (sunset vespers (cancelled due to challenging in arranging appropriate worship environment), 5 (video and live stream) , 9 (live stream) , 10 (live stream), 12 (video and live stream, teleconferencing), 19(video and live stream, teleconferencing), 26 (video and live stream, teleconferencing), May 3 (video and live streaming, teleconference),May 7 sunset vespers (cancelled due to challenging in arranging appropriate worship environment) 10(video and live stream, teleconferencing), 17, (video and live stream, teleconferencing )

**Funeral**: Marlin Lear (Rachel led graveside service)

One funeral on hold for now

**Wedding** April 7doug and steve

May 1 Cody and Sondra

**Administrative**

Life is stressful in this time of COVID-19. In spite of that, efforts are made to be proactive in this situation, for the church staff, the members of the church and the surrounding community.

**Meetings**

Consistory 3/15/20

Regular contact by phone and face-to-face meetings (practicing social distancing) to Administrator and Consistory President

Rev. Matthew Best (Zoom) 3/30/20

National Office meeting (UCC Lawyer Live stream) 3/30/20

Exec Board Mercersburg Association (Zoom) 3/31/20

April 7 – reviewed all names in church rolls with Iva Zell

April 7 – clergy support group (zoom)

April 15 – webcast UCC (HR issues)

April 16 – Penn Central Conference, association presidents conference calls

April 19 – consistory (zoom) 1st call, 2nd call with consistory

May 4 – zoom call for consistory (remain closed until June 1)

May 4 – Penn Central Conference – re-opening churches (zoom)

May 5 – clergy support group (zoom)

May 5 -call with colleague (zoom) strategic planning for churches

May 5 – call with colleague (phone/zoom) worship services

May 5 – Penn central conference MID assessment (zoom)

May 11 – church and ministry council (zoom)

May 12 – community theology meeting (zoom)

May 14 – 2 meetings about personnel matters

May 18 – work with part of exec board-church project

May 19 – 1 meeting personnel matter

May 19 – strategic planning for building and church activities

May 20 – community events meeting

**Pastoral Care**

Calls

Month of March 45-50 active calls (total est 100 calls shared with Rachel)

Month of April 105-110 calls inactive members (total 160-170 calls shared with rachel)

Month of May -25-30 calls (increased effort with letters)

emails also used, Facebook to make additional connections

Texts to members, wedding couples

Pastoral Care/Counselling (social distance practiced)

Month of March – 3 meetings/encounters

Month of April – 6 meetings/encounters

Month of May – 13 meetings/encounters

**Outreach/Ventures**

3/23/20- checking on status of downtown organizations, checked in 2-3 returning businesses, as well as viewing who was open and who was not (Hanover and High Streets)

3/26/20-community gathering on plaza

3/30/20 trip to Wegman’s to get supplies for community needs.

4/20/20 two contacts in the streets

4/21/20 police chief, emt services (set up food delivery (seve-n-dot)

4/23/20 shopping trip to BJ’s, for UPMC - Carlisle

4/24/20 trip to Seve-n-dot; pizza delivery to Carlisle boro police department

4/28/20 delivery to UPMC – Carlisle for snacks to staff (BJ’s)

4/30/20 trip to Seve-n-dot; pizza delivered to EMS services

4/30/20 thornwald home drop off – devotions

4/30/20 supplies to community member at home

5/3/20 helping community members

5/9/20 community event, flowers for mother’s day, church is a host spot

5/11/20 two community contacts

5/21/20 Meeting-discussion of Back to School

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

March 15 – cancelled no metrics

March 22 – cancelled no metrics

March 29 – cancelled no metrics

4/5/20 – theology pub via zoom, no metrics 5 people

4/19/20-theology pub via zoom, no metrics 5 people

4/26/20-theology pub via zoom, no metrics 5 people

5/3/20- theology pub via zoom, no metrics 5 people

5/10/20 theology pub via zoom , no metrics 4 people

5/17/20 theology pub via zoom, no metrics 6 people

Note: looking at metrics of history of this outreach, and of organizations in town (on hold)

**Community Office Hours:**

No community hours since March 19th until the submission of this report due to pandemic concerns

**FELLOWSHIP EVENTS** –

Men’s group and weekday festival cancelled in March (pandemic concerns

No men’s group and weekday festival events for April and May (pandemic concerns)

**INFORMATIONAL**

Sunset vespers April 2 2020 – cancelled due to pandemic

Note: did not attempt online service, not appropriate environment

Messy church April 9 – cancelled due to Maundy Thursday

Sunset vespers may 7- cancelled due to pandemic (not able to set appropriate environment

online)

Messy church may 14 – cancelled due to pandemic

**Status of Church/Community events**

Ice Cream Social – Aug 7 –

status uncertain

Back to School Bash august 24 –

event to be reformed to focus on to go meals and school supplies to picked remotely

Neighborhood Block Party October 2, 2020 – status uncertain

Music on the Plaza – Celtic Martins – June 12, 2020

Cancelled due to pandemic

Summer No Agenda BBQ’s- June, July August

Cancelled due to pandemic (may consider setting a BBQ if Cumberland county goes green)

Community Theology Event (October 24 for event)

THIS EVENT HAS BEEN POSTPONED UNTIL 2021

Bunny Hop April 4 – community event

CANCELLED (pandemic)

Human Trafficking Event 1 pm – 3pm march 29

CANCELLED (Pandemic, to be rescheduled in 2021

Clothing closet concept humble Beginnings

ON HOLD (Pandemic)