March 15, 2021

To the Members and Family of 1st United Church of Christ – Carlisle:

Consistory has met this week and determined that the church building will be open for worship beginning April 11, 2021. There will be one Sunday worship at 10 am for the time. Worship will begin at 10 am. CE Sunday activities will resume when face to face worship restarts. We truly appreciate the patience you have been showing during this difficult and challenging time.

Please note the following points: When the Church re-opens for worship, the following protocol will continue to be in effect: the wearing of masks, social distancing, and temperature taking. Please understand that attendees who have received a vaccination are not 100% protected from the possibility of transmitting or becoming infected with COVID and that the wearing of masks is absolutely required. Given the CDC recommendations for social distancing, there is a total of 66 seats available on the main floor of the sanctuary, and an additional 25 seats in the balcony. Additional attendees will be invited to watch the worship service from the Fellowship Hall. When the church does re-open the goal will be to have a minimum amount of people present. The goal is to have at least 20 people in worship each worship. If the numbers consistently drop below that number, then we may have to consider returning to only a virtual worship service again.

Virtual worship options will continue, even after the church building opens again. Services will continue to be livestreamed on Sundays at 10 am on Pastor Chris’s Facebook page. There will continue to be a teleconferencing option for people who do not use computers (Uber teleconference - call 717-297-0493 to listen to worship service as it happens). The Sunday worship can also be found on the Church’s Facebook page, the Church’s website (www.1ucc.org), and on Youtube.com (type in First United Church of Christ – Carlisle to find videos). Please note, Pastor Chris’s Facebook page is where it is livestreamed. Once the worship is concluded, it is then copied to the church website, YouTube, and the church’s Facebook page. This process of sharing the worship to the other internet locations will likely occur within the hour after worship.

Grace and Peace,

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P.S. The second page is a guideline to entering the church for worship. It may be familiar to some people, but we want to make sure that everyone is acquainted with it. We may go through some adjustments to the procedure as time goes on.