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Members of 1st United Church of Christ – Carlisle:

Good day to you. The following is information on COVID statistics reported in the last week of January 2021.

Greg Lewis shared the following at the Re-opening Task Force meeting and with Consistory. The statistics for Cumberland County: The total number of cases have been down in the past week, but there continues to be double digit deaths. The percent positivity rate is 10%--which is down from 13.3% the previous week. The incidence of COVID cases per 100,000 is 198.5 and that is down from 296 the previous week. The numbers for COVID that are considered ideal to begin to open socially-- are a positivity rate below 5% and an incidence under 50 per 100,000.

The numbers have been decreasing, and people in the community are starting to get vaccinated. The data has not reached the possible benchmarks that have been suggested by the CDC. Consistory has decided unanimously to have the church building remain closed for worship for the month of February 2021. Consistory will continue to be in conversation with the Re-opening Task Force and potentially consider re-opening the church for worship in March 2021.

Please note some of the following points: When the church re-opens for worship, there will continue to be the protocol of the wearing of masks, social distancing, and temperature taking, as we had done previously. 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. When the church does re-open for 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 consider going back to only offering a virtual worship service again.

In the meantime, worship continues to be placed on the internet. It is livestreamed on Sundays at 10 am on Pastor Chris's Facebook page. There is also a teleconferencing option for people who do not use computers (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.

Listed below is contact info for our Church members to contact to find out about getting scheduled for a vaccination:

1. Sadler Clinic in Carlisle—contact Jessica Barnett at 717 960-4343
2. UPMC Carlisle 361 Alexander Spring Rd.—contact Jennifer Hardsock at 833 299-4358 (this number is for Healthcare workers not employed at UPMC)
3. Quality Care Pharmacy in Carlisle at 1 Sprint Drive contact Bryan Gobin at—717 323-8230
4. UPMC hotline-833 724 3258
5. PA. Dept of Health—877 724-3258

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6. Also check the website: PA. Gov--which is the website of the Commonwealth of PA. --there is info on getting the vaccine and other important COVID information.

Grace and Peace,

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