**Pastoral Report October – November 2020**

**October 16 - November 12, 2020 (Since last report submitted October 15, 2020)**

Due to COVID concerns, the church building closed from March 16 – October 24.

Online worship (Live streaming Facebook and website) has been active since March 22

Now face to face worship, along with livestreaming, posting worship as videos on Facebook, Youtube, 1uccc.org, and Church Facebook page. Uberconference also being utilized

**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

October 18, 2020 virtual (live stream FB 1 service, placed video on website and youtube teleconferencing);October 25, 2020 face to face service (as well as live stream and uberconference; youtube, 1uccorg and church facebook website***;*** November 1, 2020 face to face service (as well as live stream and uberconference; youtube, 1uccorg and church facebook website; November 8, 2020 face to face service (as well as live stream and uberconference; youtube, 1uccorg and church facebook website

**Funeral**: November 12 Beverly Rynard

**Wedding** October 17 Megan and Tyson

October 17 Amber and Ricky

**Baptism none at present**

**Administrative**

Times are strange and different, but we are trying to live and minister faithfully

**Meetings**

October 19, 2020 – consistory

October 19, 2020- penn central conference

October 21 – staff meeting

November 1 - Congregational meeting (within worship)

November 1 – Christian Education Council

November 1 – Mercersburg association meeting fall

November 2 – meeting Lyndsey, strategizing over Christmas eve worship

November 3 – Pastoral Concerns

November 3 – Clergy support group

November 4 – livestreaming video on a budget (different way to have set up)

November 9 – Advisory Council (technology assistance)

November 10 – Pastoral Concerns

November 10 – Church and Ministry (face to face/zoom)

November 10 – conversation with greg lewis (worship details; status of pandemic)

November 10 – Church and Community Connections Council-virtual

November 11 – stewardship - virtual

**Pastoral Care**

Calls -12

Pastoral Care/Counselling - 17

Use of texting, emails and Facebook as well

***Outreach/Ventures***

10/20 – helping move furniture for a member

10/21/2020 - ,meet with member for community event

November 10 – meeting community event

November 11 – meeting with colleague

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

Took a break from virtual meeting in November, not much interest in virtual meetings, people seem to prefer the face to face meetings

Continued discussions about where to meet when the pandemic truly subsides

**Community Office Hours:**

11/3/2020 – called and spoke to manager

currently dining room area not open, only takeout and delivery (outside is a possibility)

Were open July – September, then 2 Panera sites closed down, company decided to close all dining room areas, this may be adjusted in a few weeks

**FELLOWSHIP EVENTS** –

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

**INFORMATIONAL**

No sunset vespers or Messy church for fall

**SABBATICAL: beginning steps**

PLAN: Reset, Restart and Refresh

Theme: To look at what makes communities holy and sacred

I will take some time of the sabbatical to rest and refresh

I will visit some designated locations and experience communities, discern what makes them unique, what makes them holy and sacred

I will be discerning the defining characteristics of sacred and holy communities

Sabbatical are traditionally three month period

Due to extenuating circumstances, I would like to suggest to divide sabbatical into three one month periods over three years

Currently I am speaking to a contact who will aid me in further planning this sabbatical

I am starting to compile a variety of destinations which I may visit

This will not be a substitution for vacation

More details will be forth coming