**Pastoral Report September - October 2020**

**September 18 – October 15, 2020 (Since last report submitted September 17, 2020)**

Due to COVID concerns, the church building has been closed from March 16 – October 4. 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

September 20, 2020 (live stream FB 1 service, placed video on website and youtube teleconferencing); September 27, 2020 ((live stream FB 1 service, placed video on website and youtube teleconferencing) (sound issues); October 4, 2020 (live stream FB 1 service, placed video on website and youtube teleconferencing); October 11, 2020 (live stream FB 1 service, placed video on website and youtube teleconferencing)

**Funeral**: October 9 – committal service Karen Morrow

**Wedding** September 25 sondra and cody

**Baptism none at present**

**Administrative**

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

**Meetings**

September 17 – re-opening church committee

September 17 – completed class on mandated reporting

September 21 - consistory

September 22 – pastoral concerns meeting

September 23 – cover letter and accompanying page meeting (Karen Byers)

September 23 - Property council

September 29 – Ed Steltzer event, church moving forward (internet)

October 6 – Church and ministry council

October 6 – clergy support group zoom

October 6 Penn central conference - advent/thanksgiving worship zoom

October 6 – pastoral concerns meeting

October 11 – Christian Education

October 12 – Mercersburg association cluster meeting

October 13 – pastoral concerns meeting

October 13 – diagnosing health of the church – zoom led by Thom Rainier

October 13 – generous preaching/stewardship – zoom led by Andrew Wagner

October 13 – church and community connections

**Pastoral Care**

Calls - 17

Pastoral Care/Counselling - 20

Texting used as well

***Outreach/Ventures***

9/22- couple at church needing resources

9/22- Community member meeting

9/22 – community member encounter

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10/5 – person in need at church

10/7 – encounter with Reach leader

10/14/2020 organization visit in community

10/14/2020 returning business visit

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

October 4 – 2020 zoom and monthly

Visited Market Cross and had an initial conversation with manager there about possibility of Theology Pub meeting at their location in the future

**Community Office Hours:**

Scoped out Panera set up for feasibility and safety of resuming community office hours, still working on details

**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 summer (on break)

Pastor Sabbatical: in idea stage only at this time, 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**

**Neighborhood Block Party October 2, 2020 –** postponed due to COVID and concerns in the community (reserve remaining money for another year)