**Summary of 1st UCC – Carlisle reopening progress (3/16/2021)**

Note: procedure may be modified depending on COVID numbers and circumstances

First UCC has been working diligently to prepare for reopening and to follow CDC guidelines to do this safely during this pandemic. We have formed a subcommittee of church members to address this problem and have developed a protocol that will hopefully allow all of us to return to our Sanctuary and resume our previous activities by way of the “new norm” relatively soon. We wish to summarize our progress with these newly developed guidelines below:

1. Anyone with a cough or fever or has been around someone with Covid19 is asked to watch the service from home by streaming or other means as is available on the Church website. Worship is available virtually (livestreamed on Pastor Chris’ Facebook page and downloaded video on church website ([www.1ucc.org](http://www.1ucc.org)), Youtube.com, and the Church’s Facebook page

2. All congregation members should come prepared to wear a mask during the service. Those without a mask will be given one at the door. People who arrive to enter the church and who don't have a mask will be given one which they are expected to wear, and it should cover their mouth and nose.

3. We ask that all Church attendees practice safely distancing during the service (at least 6 feet apart), except family members coming together. Every other pew will be closed, and our ushers will seat you conforming to these distancing guidelines.

4. All members will come into our Church by the parking lot door only and will be greeted there by ushers who will ask you about your recent health, take your temperature and travel history and take your name and contact info.

5. You will be shown into the Church and will be allowed entry by one door only. An usher in the Sanctuary will give you a bulletin and seat you. The balcony can be available for seating when there is overflow. People will be encouraged to sit in the main pew area of the sanctuary first.

6. We strongly discourage any greeting by handshake and suggest greeting by safe social distancing.

7. Pastor Chris will give the Service and read the scripture.

8. There will be no singing (possible spread of the virus) but there will be organ music by Sharon.

9. After the service there will be dismissal by row—starting at the back. Pastor Chris, out of a concern for safety for all, will not be greeting congregants afterwards.

10. Everyone will exit from a left rear door out onto the Plaza and then proceed to the parking lot. Those with some degree of disability will be dismissed afterwards and may return to the parking lot by the way they entered.

11. We discourage close social gathering afterwards in the Church or parking lot.

12. Cleaning and sanitizing related to both elevator use, and bathroom use will be provided to you.

13. The Church will be cleaned and sanitized in the days before each Church service.

14. For those overflow congregants who do not have a seat in the Sanctuary or balcony—we hope to make Fellowship Hall available to listen to and/or view the Service.

15. Please note that for all building usage and visiting the church building beyond worship, social distancing and wearing masks will be required.