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

Consistory met this Monday, June 28, 2021, and some changes to policies have been made regarding being in the church building. There will continue to be one Sunday worship service starting at 10 am. CE Sunday activities are on summer break until September 12. Consistory determined that starting July 4th, people who have been fully vaccinated do not have to wear masks while in the church building. People who have not been fully vaccinated will still need to wear masks when they are present in the church building. If people are completely vaccinated but wish to continue to wear masks, people may do what makes them feel most comfortable. As we move into these changes, it is expected that everyone will respect one another and their choices. As people of faith, we need to be intentionally loving toward one another and non-judgmental in our actions and words. Consistory also determined that social distancing is still encouraged during worship and events. Bibles can be found in the pews starting July 4th. For now, there will be no congregational singing during Sunday worship. This may change in the fall, depending on the decisions of Consistory. We truly appreciate the continuing patience you have been showing during this difficult and challenging time.

Additional information to be aware of: It was decided by the Property Council and the Consistory in recent meetings that there will only be one open door to gain entrance to the church on Sundays, and that will be the gray parking lot door. Furthermore, this gray door will be locked, once worship begins. There will be a phone number posted on the gray door people can call, if they arrive late for church service. These steps are being taken to further ensure safety and security for people in the building. We ask that you also keep these steps in mind when attending church on Sunday.

Virtual worship options are continuing to be available, in addition to in-person worship. 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 an hour or two after worship.

Grace and Peace to one and all,

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