

COVID Updates

Dear Congregation,

What wonderful news from the CDC Monday: those who have been fully vaccinated (one or two shots according to the vaccine received and a two-week waiting period after the final shot) can safely gather indoors with others who have been fully vaccinated. I know this is meaningful for many of you, finally able to visit with friends and family again, without distancing and masks.

The news is also poignant for those of us who cannot yet gather freely as we wait our turn for the vaccine, though according to Governor Walz that is coming soon. And, because we are a covenanted community where we do not leave anyone behind, The Fellowship building is not yet open for gatherings of any size.

The Board is in the process of appointing a Re-opening Task Force charged to determine all the elements we need to get into place in order to open the building and to protect the health of the staff. The Task Force will consider take into account cleaning and sanitation, ventilation and filtration, and technology that enables meetings and worship to proceed both online and in physical space. The Re-opening Task Force has the wisdom of UUA and MidAmerica resources, as well as plans to reopen in stages from congregations which have already begun strategizing.

Soon, we will all be together again. In the meantime, enjoy the freedom of movement that you have, be mindful of those whose restrictions are not yet lifted, and cultivate patience in yourself and those you love.

Penny Herickhoff, Board President

Rev. Rita Capezzi, Minister