

Dear Friends and Members of First UCC,

A little over a year ago the Church Council and members of our Covid Task Force voted to close in-person worship. At the time we were hoping that we would be able to come back together by Easter, then we hoped for Pentecost, surely by the fall we thought, but this was not to be. When we did re-open this Easter it was without singing, gathering with masks and seating was socially distant. Shortly after, we began to allow singing with masks on.

This week the Covid Task force met. As we received new recommendations from the CDC and from the Governor's office, we are pleased to bring you some good news.

The following changes are effective immediately. We have been grateful for your patience and continue to seek that patience as we work to effect these changes.

Mask Optional

Fully vaccinated individuals will no longer be required to wear a mask inside or outside the Church building.

Unvaccinated individuals are encouraged to continue wearing masks for their own and others safety.

Distance Optional

Fully vaccinated individuals are not required to practice social distancing measures while on Church grounds.

Unvaccinated individuals are encouraged to continue to practice social distancing for their own and others safety.

Congregational Singing

Fully Vaccinated individuals are invited to speak responses and sing hymns without masks.

Unvaccinated individuals are encouraged to wear their masks while speaking responses and singing hymns.

We will continue to offer Livestream worship for those who are not yet ready to return to church or those who are not able to be with us in person. We look forward to seeing many of you this Sunday which is Pentecost. We invite you, both those who are worshipping at home and those who will attend in person, to wear red (or other flame colors) to celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit falling afresh upon us as it did with the disciples so long ago.