



COUNTRY CLUB

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Report from the Health Team about Protection against Covid-19

January 20, 2022

Dear friends in Christ,

We have recently seen a drastic increase in Covid cases. The Omicron variant appears to create lighter symptoms, but other strains are still circulating in the community. And we still have people in our community who are not vaccinated. In addition, Covid is now so prevalent that even fully vaccinated people are becoming infected. As people of God in the Wesleyan tradition, we believe we must take steps to protect ourselves and others as best we can, regardless of someone's vaccination status.

Our plan now is to continue with in-person worship. Online worship, of course, will always be available so long as the internet continues to work. If you do worship online, please be present during our normal worship hour of 10:45 am, and engage with each other as you would if you were online. Something special happens when the church worships together, even if we are in different places. Our services will continue to be available on our website, Facebook and YouTube after the livestream if you need to miss worship.

Please be advised that, if you worshipped in person on January 16, 2022, you were likely exposed to Covid-19. We have had multiple exposures and positive cases both in our congregation and in the Child Development Center. Any time you come into the building, or if you go anywhere in the community, there is a high probability that you will be exposed to the virus.

Below are our updated guidelines to protect people in the church against Covid:

- *Masks:* **You must wear a mask in all common areas.** This includes all Sunday school classrooms, the office, restrooms, hallways. The only time you may be without a mask is if you are in an office by yourself with your door closed. The glass doors to the church office will be closed, and you must give the office administrator or volunteers the opportunity to put on their masks before entering.
- *Social distancing:* The signs have been re-placed in the sanctuary to socially distance the pews. Please do not move the signs without first consulting an usher.
- *Passing the collection plates:* We will not pass the offering plates during the next few weeks. The plates will once again be placed at the entryways.

The Health Team will revisit this issue again when cases begin to drop in our community.

We sincerely thank you for your patience and commitment to providing a safe environment where people can worship without fear of compromising others' health.

Many blessings,

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