

The Congregational Council met Sunday, May 17, by Zoom. It was beneficial in many ways as we took care of the business of the congregation and also had honest discussions about how we are doing in the pandemic. As a group we have been faced with many priorities in the last few months. I am so grateful that we have been able to work together and support each other.

While there are many more details to follow, I wanted to update you all as quickly as possible. The following decisions were made at council:

Online worship has been very effective. We will continue to offer this at least through the summer.

Beginning June 14, we will slowly start to have members in our sanctuary for worship. We will start with only 30 attendees, and then increase to 50 as we test out plans for seating and other CDC requirements. There will be a covenant among all who attend for safety including wearing masks. There will be a sign up genius to keep numbers safe. The final parameters are being put in place and we will communicate these to everyone.

We will not host an on-campus Vacation Bible School this year. The Learning Team is working on creative, alternative plans.

In mid-June, we will host our small group feedback meetings or "cottage meetings" to review the results of the Congregational Vitality Survey. This survey was taken by individual members back in February and March as part of our call process. These gatherings will be either in very small groups at the church or by Zoom. There will be many times and dates offered.

Also June 14, small group ministries will be able to meet in person again. We know that many groups will choose to wait or continue Zoom, but there will be an option.

I know this information may create more questions than answers. I promise you we are all working diligently to finalize details. Feel free to reach out to any council member with your concerns.

God's Peace
Carolyn Schultz