

## JCUMC Council On Ministries Meeting - September 1, 2020

### Re-Entering Well Task Force

As the Chairperson of the Task Force, I'm here tonight to speak to our Actions & Recommendations concerning returning to In-Person Worship at our church during the current COVID-19 Pandemic.

As you know, the Task Force was pulled together in late May to assess guidelines and recommendations emanating from the Federal & State Government organizations (CDC, FDA, Maryland Department of Health (MDH), Frederick County Government, and Baltimore Washington Conference of the United Methodist Church (BWCUMC).

We met weekly to discuss changes to our facility that would be required to provide a safe environment for our parishioners to worship upon re-entering; consistent with established guidelines and procedures.

To that end, Action Items were Opened/Resolved to support facility modifications that would be needed. Once the needed supplies were on hand and installed, we began dry runs to flush out any issues/concerns with the re-entry process.

- Sanctuary seating modified to support Social Distancing (6 ft separation between members of different households)
- Floor marking through the church to support Social Distancing
- Safe Re-Entry Signage posted throughout sanctuary
- Touchless Hand Sanitizing Stations in Vestivue and Bathrooms
- Temperature Checking Station
- Attendee Check-In Station (to capture who was present on any given Sunday; this information can be used to aid in Contact Tracing if someone attends a service and then Test Positive for COVID -19)
- COVID-19 Waiver Station (signature required to enter Sanctuary)
- Must wear a mask at all times when on Church property
- Affected ministries trained in "new way" to perform their duties

The Task Force is comprised of 12 members. We conducted a private vote on our perspective on readiness to return to In-Person Worship; 9 of 12 responded to the AFFIRMATIVE on readiness.

Therefore, it is the Task Force Consensus that we're Ready for the Return to In-Person Worship - PENDING Approval of this COM.

I'll now entertain any questions you may have before you vote.