

UCM Covid-19 Task Force Final Minutes
Twelfth meeting 3/3/21

Present: Rhoda Chickering, Allen Clark, Claudia Clark, Barbara Conrey, Scott Hess (facilitating), Judith Hinds (recording), Rev. Joan, Tina Muncy (hosting on Zoom), Paul Ohlson, Janet Poeton, Noah Sexton.

Agenda:

- Changes to the agenda
- Review of minutes from 12/03/21 meeting and update and review of minutes from the partial TF meeting 02/16/21
- Comments and Feedback
- Air quality and potential remediation -- Paul Ohlson will take the lead on this conversation with Allen and Barbara
- Recommendations/protocols for minister meeting one-on-one (pastoral issues) with church members who are already vaccinated -- Joan will elaborate
- CDC and VT State guideline changes current and what to expect (if possible?)
- Extending the TF recommendation of keeping the building closed in its current state past March 31st
- Preparing for a potential partial or full reopening of the building/rentals/programs. Protocols. Timeline. Not sure if it's premature to discuss now ?
- Other issues
- Follow-up
- Next Meeting

1. Changes to the Agenda

None.

2. Minutes of 12/3/20 and 2/16/21

No changes.

3. Feedback/Comments from Others

None.

4. Air Quality and Potential Remediation

Barbara, Allen and Paul have been working with a consultant to determine what can be done about air quality (ref. notes of partial TF mtg on 2/16 and Allen's presentation). No authorities have forbidden UCM to reopen the building, and the CDC has no guidelines for air quality. However, UCM doesn't meet nationally accepted standards for air quality. We were attempting to address this problem as part of the BFF project. Anything we do now needs to be harmonized with possible future BFF goals. The consultant suggested three possible contractors who would be capable of doing this work and providing estimates. Barbara has written an RFP. Considerations: Existing heat ducts cannot be cleaned because the joints are taped with asbestos tape, which would require full-scale asbestos remediation. The building is tighter now than it used to be because of insulation work in recent years. We can't just open windows because direction of airflow is important in preventing virus spread. Our job as a Task Force is to recommend criteria for action to the E.T., not to evaluate cost.

Paul will contact relevant agencies to get quantitative standards for us to consider. We don't yet know how good is good enough. We don't know whether this work could be phased or done in interim steps.

Barbara will send us the consultant's report.

We thank Barbara, Allen and Paul for this important and time-consuming work!

5. Minister One-on-One Meetings

Joan wonders whether/when it will be safe for her to start having meetings with individual parishioners who have been vaccinated. We lean toward allowing this in rooms with air purifiers, but we recommend she check with John and Kathleen for their professional opinions.

6. CDC and State Guidelines

Did not discuss.

7. Extending the Building Closure

We recommend extending it through the end of the church year (June). The E.T. will decide.

8. Protocols

We didn't have time for a full discussion of this item – to be continued. Joan reminded us we need to include discussion of whether vaccination will be one of the criteria for use of the building.

9. Other Issues or Follow-up

None.

10. Next Meeting: Thu. March 18 at 5:30 pm.