

## **COVID-19 Safety Measure as of 8/04/2021**

On March 16, 2021, the Consistory of Zwingli UCC, after weighing advise from CDC, Badger Bounce Back Plan as well as recommendations from the WI Conference of the UCC and the WI Council of Churches, decided to close the church to all large group meetings and receptions at our location.

At that time, we thought that we were looking at a short-term problem, we planned to follow the advice of these organizations. As a vaccine came available and recommendations relaxed, our congregation moved back into the Sanctuary for worship. It is important to note that there are still many members who are not comfortable with the risk involved in coming back to Sanctuary worship.

Over the Summer, Consistory relaxed the COVID safety practices in June, July and August. We had hoped that we could make mask wearing optional for people who have been vaccinated. Due to a variant and the high number of people still not vaccinated, we have recently entered into a High-Risk situation in Green County. The CDC and sources we have been monitoring recommend that **ALL** people in enclosed areas continue to wear masks and social distance. Zwingli UCC will also continue to follow CDC and wear masks in worship. We realize this is an inconvenience for our congregants but in order to insure not only the health and safety of our guests, but these actions are still needed to instill comfort in those who are immunocompromised or those still not comfortable with the risk.

**BE AWARE**, Policies may change on a weekly basis but due to the nature of this virus we must follow these procedures to keep all safe and comfortable. We will continue to monitor the situation! We will post a weekly update from the Green County Health Department on our note board, our Facebook page and our Website. We will offer Live stream and videos of worship services as well as CD recordings for home bound, our FM transmissions will continue each week and can be received in the parking lot or in various rooms around the church. Drive-in Worship will continue every third Sunday as weather allows.

Please pray for guidance and clear decision making using the most up to date information. We also recommend that to slow the spread of this variant that everyone gets vaccinated and encourage your friends and family to do the same.

God Bless

The Consistory of Zwingli United Church of Christ.