

Christ United Methodist Church  
ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD

June 8, 2021

ATTENDING: D. Atkins, D. Daniels, C. Fitzgerald, K. Fitzgerald, P. Kelley, L. Klinkenberg,  
L. Lehnert, P. Lindberg, J. Pittman, J. Rosenberger  
ABSENT: D. Burtnick, Z. Childs, F. Mueller

- Phil opened the meeting with prayer.
- Phil shared results of the May survey where 39 households responded with their input on reopening of CUMC. 50% were totally ready for anytime re-entry into OBIC and another 30% were available for outdoor worship or gatherings. Approximately 86% had been completely vaccinated at the time of the survey. Strong interest in maintaining a virtual connection was indicated. The survey was taken before some teens and children were eligible for vaccine. Phil will respond to any additional questions regarding this survey.
- Re-entry to OBIC presents some challenges including a 9:30AM service time which is the new pastor's requirement. Phil will coordinate with Unitarians and OBIC. Other OBIC issues relate to key for Admin. Office; upper-level parking; handicap parking space needed by clergy; need for appts. for building entry with building manager; and vaccination status of OBIC staff.
- Clara reported that OBIC is maintaining financial viability although \$5,000 had to be borrowed from Reserve for Replacement (RFR) fund. This will be paid back thru raised owner assessments in next budget cycle. One custodian position is open which aided the financial status. The OBIC Re-entry Committee is being conservative in their guidelines for renters regarding masks, food issues etc. Pre-school issues are being considered. Clara will inquire about availability of CUMC nursery. OBIC Board will further explore their relationship with volunteer Garden Committee.
- Lillian reported that Pastor Kathy can be available for in-person worship July 4. Lillian will discuss with her the many re-entry questions raised, and SPRC is meeting 6/10 to clarify many issues. SPRC will be creating small group Meet & Greet sessions throughout the summer for members to become acquainted with Pastor Kathy.
- Treasurer Lee Klinkenberg had just received monthly bank statement so a monthly report will be given in July. Phil noted there haven't been recent deposits, so hopefully the \$4662 deficit that Fred reported will be improved. He has reminded David as Finance Chair and Rev. Childs of the Conference's deadline to verify CUMC statistics by June 8. He has provided the correct numbers.
- Dea has Guidelines booklets available for various ministries if Chairs do not have one. She is investigating the Conference's offer to print and pay for postage for postcards to be sent to residents in our zip code to announce re-opening and invite attendance.
- Worship Committee has planned the 6/13 service to include honoring Rev. Childs and to encourage participants to stay for extended fellowship time for more informal time with

Rev. Childs. Karen Ohlrich will be re-instated as a member on 6/13. Sean Elbert will preach on 6/20 with communion offered by Rev. Jacquelyn McLellan. Alexis Brown will be guest clergy on 6/27. Pre-packaged communion elements are being considered. Phyllis explained that she and Phil had been working with Mary Jo and Scrib Messenger to arrange appropriate technology so that our services can continue to be zoomed. Mary Jo has written a grant to cover the costs of new equipment. The simplistic equipment should be available on a cart and staffed by rotating, trained volunteers.

- Judy reported July newsletter (deadline 6/23) would highlight arrival of new pastor and perhaps have her personal greetings.
- Jeanette had no specific report for Mission Ministries. Dea mentioned that Elizabeth House may need servers again although safety might be an issue. Jeanette will try and find out other Elizabeth House needs and put details in July newsletter.
- Dea will investigate attending a performance of "Godspell" at Toby's Dinner Theater in August perhaps with Savage UMC.
- Delvin is unsure about conclusion of current book study and hopeful that participants will facilitate last sessions.
- Kevin shared a reminder of the extensive re-opening information available from the Conference. It has not been clarified whether the Oct. 25-27 Annual Conference will be virtual or in-person in Baltimore.
- Judy explained concern about the growing number of members who cannot drive and will need to activate a volunteer driver corps when services resume. Personal outreach by Caring Connections Committee to several members have included phone calls, visits, and support for extended family as they assist their elder members.
- It was suggested that July 2 First Friday be an informal time to thank Douglas Fox for his contributions to CUMC as he returns to active ministry. Lillian will host.

**NEXT MEETING TUES. JULY 13 at 7PM.**