

Working Group Planning for Eventual UUCB Re-Opening

With vaccines becoming more widely available, we have begun to receive inquiries about when the church will reopen. At the same time, we know that many members of the congregation remain concerned about COVID-19 infections.

The Board along with the ministers recently formed a Working Group to begin a discussion of re-opening plans for the church. The members of the group are Reverend Mary Ann Macklin, Reverend David Clements, Abby Gitlitz, Ann LeDuc, Jane McLeod, and Melinda Swenson.

The Working Group will meet over the next several months to discuss questions such as:

- What metrics will we use to make decisions about re-opening?
- How do we transition back to being present in the building? When we open the building back up, what does that look like? Who will be present in the building, at what times, and for what purposes?
- What are the implications of our plans for the ministers, staff, and members of the congregation?

The committee's recommendations for re-opening will be shared with the Board which will make final decisions in consultation with the ministers. The committee also will report back regularly to the congregation.

One thing we have learned during the pandemic is that our church community is not defined by the building. As we begin to consider re-opening plans, we remain mindful of the need to be a beacon in the community.

We welcome any input that you might have. Please send ideas, questions, and concerns to Abby Gitlitz at agitlitz@hotmail.com or Jane McLeod at jmcLeod@indiana.edu.