

Cedar Springs United Methodist Church Council
(ZOOM) Meeting Minutes
June 15, 2020

Opening Devotion – Rose Kempf

Council Member Present: Jennifer August, Carolyn Davis, Dan Davis, Keith Caldwell, Art Gerhardt, Bonnie Hitchingham, Pastor Bill Johnson, Rose Kempf, Sid Kempf, Nancy Nielsen, Tom Noreen, Ann Scott, Dorothy Scott, Chris Segard, Chuck Smith, Karen Young.

Council Members Absent: Fred Gunnell, Mari Anne Jones, Shirley Neff, Nancy Noreen, Shari Wesche.

Guests: None.

Council Chair, Rose Kempf, called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:
2. FINANCE REPORTS:
 - a. Presented by Treasurer, Art Gerhardt. Placed on file with minutes & agenda. Still working with K.C. Chapel Hill to finalize details of split payments for pastor salary and parsonage utilities. Sid Kempf will be contacting Deb Finkbinder regarding payroll questions.
3. UPDATE ON PASTOR LARRY: Move in date is June 24
4. RETURN TO CHURCH TASK FORCE:
 - a. Phase I approved with changes by Council and will go into effect immediately. Information sheet on Phase I will be emailed to everyone & mailed to those without email resources. Copy will be placed with these minutes.
5. COMMITTEE UPDATES:
 - a. Memorials – helping to purchase new shelving carts for food pantry.
 - b. Missions – July will be for Habitat Trip , UMCOR-COVID19 & UMCOR-MI Disaster (floods)
 - c. Men’s Group – Road Cleanup for July – need a leader
 - d. SPRC – gift basket for welcoming Pastor Larry \$250 to be used from SPRC account. Rose & Jennifer will put together and Rose will contact KC to see what they are doing for him.
6. Closing: Pastor Bill Johnson

Meeting Adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer August

Jennifer August, Ministry Assistant

RETHINKING CHURCH

Guidelines for Reopening Cedar Springs United Methodist Church

The following report is recommended by the Rethinking Church Task Force, following a series

of online meetings, May 13, May 27, and June 11, 2020. While several resources were reviewed, our primary guides were:

- “First Sunday Back: Some Questions to Ponder” (Michigan Conference, United Methodist Church, May 2020), and
- “Principles and Directions for the Reopening of UMC Facilities in Michigan,” (Michigan Conference, United Methodist Church, May 2020).

Both are available at www.michiganumc.org. While there were diverse opinions within the Task Force, as a body the group came to consensus and hereby concurs with this report. *Because the overwhelming majority of the congregation is in the high-risk category, the Council will determine the timeline for reopening each phase independent of community or governmental decisions.*

Phase One

Approved by Church Council June 15, 2020

Phase One begins after the following safety measures are met:

- Signs on outside doors to instruct those who enter
- Touchless sanitizers ordered
- At least one touchless thermometer
- Available masks and gloves for volunteers & visitors as needed
- Sign-in sheets at each room entrance within the church building.

GUIDELINES FOR PHASE 1

(Note: Details for implementing these Guidelines are available upon request)

*The building will remain closed except for necessary administrative functions, worship recording, Food Pantry operation and monthly Blood Drives. Groups of ten or more must continue to meet remotely. Groups of less than ten may gather in Fellowship Hall.

*Face-covering masks will be mandatory for all who enter the building.

*All interior doors will be propped open to minimize direct contact, except for the church office which will remain locked unless the Ministry Assistant, Treasurers, the pastor or food pantry volunteers need access.

*Ministry Assistant, Custodian and volunteers will work on-site only as necessary. Physical distancing will be practiced with a minimum of 6 feet.

*All areas will be cleaned and sanitized after each use. The Custodian will be instructed as to proper cleaning methods and materials. The Pastor and Ministry Assistant will determine a new work schedule with the Custodian.

*Touchless, universal, bagless dispensers and sanitizer will be ordered upon approval of these guidelines.

*Food will not be served in the building.

* The nursery will not be used.

* Decisions regarding non-church use will be postponed until a later phase.

*We will continue with virtual worship only.

**We will purchase special disinfecting cleaners for the church and tools to apply them. Temperature logs and a list of questions for admittance will be acquired for phase 2.

Preparation for Phase II

In order to move to Phase II, the following will be in place:

- Continuous observance of Phase I Guidelines without incident
- Several weeks of decreased number of COVID19 cases according to Kent County statistics
- Touchless Sanitizers, Thermometer, Temperature logs and a list of questions for all who enter the building will be available.
- Written policies for groups larger than 10 people
- Written policies for worship for up to 50 % occupancy