

00:30:34 John Bell: Good morning. Is there an agenda or a list of what will be covered? Thank you for hosting this opportunity!

00:32:21 Anne Marie Gerhardt: Faith UMC's reopening guidelines video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BKiUo5YlnFg&feature=youtu.be>

00:35:18 Caleb Hong: 96 pages (with appendixes) – that's a Thesis!

00:39:38 Jay Carr: Our Trustees want to know if our insurance from the Conference covers the local church in general, its members, employees, Trustees, etc. should a COVID exposure result in a law suit against any of those persons/ institution.

00:39:43 Caleb Hong: 9:30 at night.. is keeping you up?!

00:40:11 Brian Gilbert: well the idea gets in the head and I spend the next 2 hours researching and thinking about it!

00:40:40 Robert Sathuri: Please can someone send the 10 questions used to survey your congregation. Thanks

00:41:22 Alka Lyall she/her/hers: Caleb, you are singing?

00:41:24 Deborah Dangerfield: Yes I would like the questions also. Thank You

00:41:45 Arlene's iPhone: check insurance postings on the web and contact Dwayne Jackson for more detailed questions.

00:43:48 John Bell: I would like to see the questions too.

00:44:18 Wendy Witt: Jay, the Chair of my Trustees (West Dundee) is concerned about the same thing. He has reached out to Dwayne and has been told no that the Conference insurance does not cover any liability issues

00:45:56 Brenda Erwin: What about prayers and and those passages we have read out loud together in the past.

00:45:57 Darneather Murph-Heath: Maybe now our churches will have more movement since there is no singing. The Holy Spirit can move more freely (smile)

00:46:00 Penny Johnson: How are you providing the music?

00:46:12 Lisa Telomen: There's a scientific study done by university music profs that shows even with medical fitted masks worn properly, there are still some airborne droplets. Humming is a good idea. Mary Zajac at Baker Memorial could forward you the study.

00:46:22 Katie Voigt: You are full of hope, aren't you, Darneather?? ;-)

00:46:24 Judy Pohlman: How many minutes to have each service at Faith?

00:47:07 lis: Lisa from Oregon United Methodist Church. We held our first outside service this past Sunday, we social distanced, wore masks, Pastor Megan wore a face shield, we did not sing or read outside. It went very well. Some people did not attend due to being a little skeptical about being together again even though we social distanced, how do we possibly get them involved again? Some of our congregation do not have cell phones or computers, But those that do could we possibly go live at our services?

00:48:21 lis: We had masks available in case someone did not bring one, we also had hand sanitizer and we signed people in as they arrived.

00:48:33 Mike Eckert: I think that we will as we transition from

out to in.

00:49:11 lis: For music, our organist played the keyboard and he sat about 20ft or more away from everyone and he wore a shield

00:51:34 Craig Mc Gregor: I am the Head Trustee of Good Shepherd in Oswego. At our recent Health Team meeting the question being asked was bring fresh air into the Sanctuary/Gathering Room due to COVID-19. What are the recommendations or guidelines? What is the percentage of fresh air required in the church? What is the required CFM (Cubic Feet Per Minute) per person in a church? Jay, the Chair of my Trustees (West Dundee) is concerned about the same thing. He has reached out to Dwayne and has been told no that the Conference insurance does not cover any liability issues

00:52:12 Leslie Stanford (Dakota-Rock Grove UMC): We have gone back to in person. We have an area set in the back of our fellowship hall where someone who will not wear a mask. We have only had someone sit there once due to overheating from the mask.

00:52:14 Antoinette Toni Lucas: Is everyone requiring temps for in worship service?

00:52:30 Katie Voigt: We are, Toni

00:52:51 Chuck Dexter: We are. No one gets in without a temp check

00:53:03 Carole Burris Journey of Hope Elgin: We take everyone's temp as they enter the building

00:53:08 lis: Can someone send me the 10 survey questions please.

00:53:08 Alka Lyall she/her/hers: yes, we will too..

00:54:01 Donna Szoke: From Donna in Channahon - I would also like the questions.

00:54:07 Lisa Telomen: The same scientific study by college music profs includes info about air turnover. - 3 full turnovers per hour is recommended for a socially distanced "class" or orchestra for a class session. at least one full turnover for 30 minutes. Email Mary Zajac to receive this study by email. Or, I can forward. They recommend outdoors over indoors, for as long as it is possible - with masks and distanced.

00:56:07 KathyT: Some HVAC systems have a damper to allow a certain percentage of outside air into the air handlers. A factory that I worked at used to keep it at 15% to maintain a positive air pressure in the building.

00:58:10 Craig Mc Gregor: Thank you for your answer.

00:58:10 Alka Lyall she/her/hers: has anyone been worshipping outside? any guidelines for that. if you have

00:58:29 Melissa Meyers: Is there a policy or threshold for what closing guidelines might be? Beyond what state requirements may be?

00:58:44 Vickie's iPhone: Rev. Hong, is it possible to receive your one-page document sent to your congregation?

00:59:48 Antoinette Toni Lucas: We are worshipping outdoors as long as possible. We haven't REQUIRED masks. Probably need to be a bit better about distancing.

00:59:59 lis: From Lisa Oregon UMC, Caleb, could we possibly get that document to that was sent to your congregation and the ten survey

questions.

01:00:53 Katie Voigt: Melissa, we decided that if our region is at a 7% positivity rate for 3 days, we will close. We picked a rate lower than the state's 8% rate because we figure there is a delay in getting the numbers.

01:01:01 Tammy Scott: We have worshipped outside. We did not require masks outdoors, but now that numbers are going up and schools have opened so there is more exposures in our families we will require masks for outdoors. We are also not singing, but many have asked about the safety of singing outside with masks. Any expertise out there on that?

01:01:23 Donna Szoke: From Donna - We have a sign-in sheet for anyone who comes in the church to sign in -time in and time out for tracking. We have windows and fire doors open in sanctuary during church and 24 hrs. before a service no one is allowed in sanctuary.

01:02:10 Alka Lyall she/her/hers: We haven't started in person yet, but we do require pre registration and also save about 5 spots for walk ins...

01:02:26 Antoinette Toni Lucas: I would like to know about outdoor singing, too. We do sing outdoors - though without video, it's only one verse of two songs.

01:03:01 Lisa Telomen: everyone should contact Mary Zajac for the scientific study her choir director got, that was done by US college music profs. (Baker Memorial UMC St. Charles). It talks about the requirements for singing - only relatively safe with medically fitted and properly worn masks. It also addresses air turnover, and recommends outside for as long as possible.

01:03:01 KathyT: We must wear masks. We have nurses, first responders, restaurant workers and factory workers in our congregations. You really don't know what others are exposed to on a daily basis.

01:03:03 Wesley UMC: Where did the chat go? Didn't get to complete my survey inquiry. Plz post 10 Q survey somewhere in the interest of assessing consistent concerns, within our connection, to inform decision making.

01:04:30 Sharon Engert: We have been worshipping outdoors since June 28th. God has blessed us with great weather. Praise God. We wear masks and keep social distancing. No singing. It is a basic worship with just prayer, scripture, and sermon. Holy Communion is shared on the 1st and 3rd Sunday---everyone bring their own bread and juice. And it all has worked very well and is accepted by most everyone. Of course we want to be back in the sanctuary. But, just feel now is the time. When the snow starts to fly, please ask me again.

01:05:43 Chuck Dexter: Study showed that a 40 ft radius was needed for someone to sing without a mask. If there is air flow, that increased to 60 ft. Singing with a mask is possible, but unfortunately no singing is best. That said, we cannot stop people from vocalizing.

01:06:01 John Bell: I've been participating in a twice a month zoom call with the Kane County Health Department with other clergy.

It has been extremely helpful. If anyone is in Kane county, email me and I will forward you the link.

01:07:06 Tammy Scott: I second what John says! If you are in Kane County...let us know and we will connect you. If you are in another county reach out to your health dept and ask if they have a time for faith leaders to meet and discuss as well as hear from the health dept about local trends and concerns.

01:07:26 Wendy Witt: John what is your email? I would love to be on those calls!

01:07:26 Lisa Telomen: Great idea! Thanks!

01:07:41 Melissa Hood: John I would like this link.

01:09:07 Noemi Meza: How is everyone dealing with this digital transition and the fact that many of our small churches are made up of primarily elderly congregants who don't have access to digital tools like smartphones and computers?

01:10:15 Grace Imathiu: <https://www.coursera.org/learn/>

01:10:18 Leslie Stanford (Dakota-Rock Grove UMC): If you have a zoom account they can call in with a regular phone.

01:10:46 Grace Imathiu: I recommend the courses from John Hopkins

01:10:59 Antoinette Toni Lucas: I've done a monthly snail mail letter to reach those who don't have/want to use technology.

01:11:07 Donna Szoke: From Donna- We are in Will Co. and we are following the 25 people per area and we have a fellowship hall so we can have another 25. People cannot go from room to room and they exit separate doors.

01:11:26 nima: As Harriette said, are there any specific new guidelines from the Conference (we see only restrants and bars!)

01:11:43 Grace Imathiu: Contact Tracing. Contact Tracing. Contact Tracing.

01:12:27 Deborah Dangerfield: We are doing ZOOM service that is pre-recorded. We also provide dial-in for those who don't have excess to computer. We correctly have about 17 that dial in and just listen to the service and 95% of those are our Seniors.

01:13:10 nima: mail out hardcopies of the sermons to seniors

01:13:30 AMOS OLADIPO: Agreed

01:14:38 Caleb Hong: At Faith, we have opened up our reopening survey (via Survey Monkey). if you'd like to take it - to see the Q - and see how we set it up, you're welcome to do so here's the survey link...<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/9LWG679>

01:15:16 Deborah Dangerfield: Thank you.

01:15:31 lis: Lisa Oregon UMC. Thank you Caleb

01:16:27 Vickie's iPhone: Thanks!

01:17:18 Seamus Enright: Just for clarity. Viruses do not travel, they are carried.

01:17:23 Donna Szoke: How are churches keeping small groups connected?

01:17:28 Seamus Enright: :)

01:17:31 Chuck Dexter: WE do a weekly recording that people can attend instead of Sunday morning, and then two services on Sunday. The recording is posted on our Website.

01:17:57 Antoinette Toni Lucas: I have online Facebook group for a small group study.

01:18:06 Hyujae: how do you sanitize the church after in person service?

01:19:05 Tammy Scott: we did a survey earlier this spring via survey monkey, but also sent paper copies to people who do not use email/internet

01:19:26 nima: planning for a bible study with a group under 10 folks socially distanced seating

01:19:42 Brenda Erwin: I am also interested in sanitizing techniques

01:20:07 Chuck Dexter: WE use an 80% alcohol spray to go over where everyone sat. It evaporates in about 7 minutes. After the second service we spray the entire worship area. People leave out of the side doors and not the front so they are not crossing paths with the incoming.

01:20:09 Alka Lyall she/her/hers: I had divided my congregation into small groups in April- with a person responsible to stay connected with them.. I check in with those leaders regularly to see if we need to care for anyone specifically...

01:20:57 AMOS OLADIPO: We did survey in our both churches. The survey helped us to come to a decision when we are going to open.

01:21:49 KathyT: Don't use a fogger on the piano or keyboards of the organ or electronics. Use a wipe on the keys and don't forget the sides of the keys. Any dampness on ivory keytops may cause separation of the glue.

01:22:00 Caleb Hong: how many careers/callings have you had, Seamus?

01:22:32 Mary Pritchard: The CDC website gives great information about the disinfection and products to use. This says that disinfection is not needed if the space is not used for 7 days - we will have one service once in 7 days. There is also an EPA site that lists disinfectants that are effective for Covid-19.

01:23:04 admin: our shepherd ministry do teleconferencing with their flock

01:23:05 Seamus Enright: Three. If you must know.

01:23:40 nima: good point

01:23:41 Antoinette Toni Lucas: Thanks, Chuck

01:24:14 lis: Where can we get a copy of the video of this discussion for today

01:24:31 Anne Marie Gerhardt: This recording will be available later at umcnic.org/online-learning

01:24:34 Marcus Tabb: We also have shepherd teams that are responsible for check ins

01:24:41 Carolyn: Our gifting has decreased. Any thoughts?

01:24:44 Karen Doty: It is important to check the ingredients of each cleaner and disinfectant. We have to use separate disinfecting for our metal hardware and our wood.

01:25:04 Anne Marie Gerhardt: For insurance information go to <https://www.umcnic.org/riskmanagement>

01:27:21 Pastor Jake: Thank you so much!

01:27:32 Lisa Telomen: Thank you everyone!