

April 18, 2021  
First UCC – Quakertown  
215-536-4447

Dear Church Friend,

In an effort to make sure that you can stay easily up-to-date on our church announcements are uploaded to our [website](#) on a weekly basis. Daily announcement will continue to be included in our daily emails.

If you have use of a tablet or smart phone or smart tv, our weekday devotionals and bedtime stories, weekly worship services, pastors' chats, and medical chats with Dr. Mike can be accessed on our [Facebook page](#) and all videos of the above can be accessed on the [First UCC YouTube channel](#). If you have access to email and would like to join our email mailing list, please contact the church office 215-536-4447 (church office voicemail is regularly checked) or email us at [info@firstucc.net](mailto:info@firstucc.net).

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UPDATED OFFICE HOURS – As of April 12, 2021, we will begin to have increased office hours. Church staff will be in the office every weekday between 9:00 am-12:00 pm. Pastors Doug and Joyce will be in the office on Mondays and Thursdays, Pastor Jon will be in on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, and Lisa will be in on Fridays. Feel free to phone the office staff during these times. *Visits inside with staff are by appointment only.*

PRAYER REQUESTS – If you have any prayer requests, please call the church office so that we can will be praying for these persons, as well as every other kind of prayer request.

WHAT TO EXPECT FOR IN-PERSON WORSHIP - Our Return to Church Plan has been developed by guidance from the CDC and State health department guidelines, along with feedback from church council, our congregation, First Church and UCC leadership. *\*\*see revised updated information: seating and bulletins\*\**

Everyone's health and safety is our top concern and we ask that you worship virtually and **stay home if you are:**

- Experiencing any cold/flu/Covid symptoms, or
- Uncomfortable returning to church at this time.

**If you receive a diagnosis of COVID-19**, please inform the church office (*anonymity will be maintained*) for contact tracing purposes & to keep the remainder of the congregation safe and healthy. *Thank you!*

For everyone planning to attend in person, this is what to expect:

1. **Wear your Mask**. We ask that everyone please wear a mask while in the church building and during worship. If you forget your mask or don't have one that day, a mask will be provided. If you would like to respond to the call to worship and prayers, please plan to use a (provided) N95 mask. An usher can assist you.
2. **\*\*Socially Distanced Seating**. **Ushers\*\*** will show worshipers to designated seats for the day's service to ensure we can keep families together and provide space between pews. *\*\*At this time, we are asking that you seat yourselves in a socially distant manner. (rev. 12/18/2020)\*\**

3. Hand Sanitizer. Hand sanitizer is available throughout the church and it's a best practice to sanitize your hands upon entering and exiting the building
4. **\*\*Single-Use Bulletins.** We will provide bulletins and we ask that you don't share your bulletin with others. We'll have stations to collect/recycle bulletins as you exit the sanctuary. **\*\*At this time, we ask that you help yourself to bulletins. (rev. 12/18/2020)\*\***
5. Ventilation Enhancements and Open Doors. We will adjust the ventilation in the sanctuary and plan to keep the Fourth Street doors open to maximize fresh air flow throughout the sanctuary. Doors will be held/propped open upon entering/exiting the building to minimize the need to touch surfaces.

Thank you to our First Church family for following all these safe expectations. We look forward to continuing to worship Christ together as a First Church Family and continue on our Journey of Loving God, Helping Others and Finding Joy!

THE FOLLOWING ANNOUNCEMENTS are this week's announcements:

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU – Sue M. would like this note to personally thank all the members for all their cards, and all their prayers, and all their remembrances at this time.

THANK YOU – Thank you for all of the 'thinking of you' cards that the congregation has sent me - especially over Easter. *Ruth G.*

MORE OFFICE HOURS – Please note that the church office staff will be increasing office hours to every weekday from 9:00-12:00.

*We encourage you to remember our grieving families in your prayers and with cards of encouragement and condolences at this time.*

April 21 - SMALL GROUP – We are starting up a new small group session on Wednesday, April 21 at 7:00 p.m. Pastor Doug will lead us in a discussion around signs from God, which Pastor Jon spoke about during last week's sermon. On April 28, we will begin another word study from the Bible Project on The Character of God. This small group session will run for 7 weeks and is starting on April 21. All are invited! Come each week or when you can – for light study, lively discussion, and fellowship. Join us via Zoom (same Zoom information as Sunday Worship Zoom).

<https://zoom.us/j/9659059323> or call: 13017158592 (meeting ID: #965 905 9323)

April 22 – STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL PLANNING MEETINGS! Join us as we begin to plan for the 2021 Strawberry Festival! Join us in person in room 3 or via Zoom (same Zoom information as Sunday Worship Zoom). <https://zoom.us/j/9659059323> or call: 13017158592 (meeting ID: #965 905 9323)

May 22 - MAY SPRING CLEAN UP DAY – Property Committee Needs Your Help to **think Spring!** 8:00 a.m. to noon (rain date June 5). Please help with the maintenance of the church property. Bring your favorite gardening tools and pitch in! We are looking to do some weeding, trimming, planting and just cleaning up! We are asking our members to help with these projects. Without your help, this cannot happen. *Thank you!* For questions or to volunteer, contact Janet F. (215-536-9064, email [freyjanetr@yahoo.com](mailto:freyjanetr@yahoo.com)) or Gregg R. (267-374-7729, email [cgreighard@comcast.net](mailto:cgreighard@comcast.net))

June 4 - 2021 ONE DREAM MISSION TEAM GOLF OUTING is planning the golf outing! Mark your calendars for Friday, June 4. 12:00 Registration/1:00 pm Shot Gun Start at Butter Valley Golf Port, Barto, PA, \$90 per Golfer/\$40 Dinner Only - It is that time of year to mark your calendars for the One Dream Mission Team Golf Outing! We are looking to fill the course again this year! Please take a pamphlet from the hallway and join us and share with your friends. If you are looking to support the Mission Team we are also collecting sponsorship. *The mission team heads to Camden, New York on July 24 through July 31.*

INTERESTED IN JOINING FIRST CHURCH? Please contact the Pastors or email the church office if you are interested in becoming a member of our First Church family.

COPIES OF THE 2020 ANNUAL REPORT ANNUAL REPORT, as well as the minutes of the 2021 annual congregational meeting and an additional report, which was not available at the time of printing of the Annual Report, are available in the Narthex. Contact the Church Office to have a copy mailed.

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