

## **Covid Update at Hope UCC**

How wonderful to be able to regather for in person and live stream worship on Easter Sunday. To be the Body of Christ in this hybrid way once again reminds us that God is still speaking and moving us to faithfully meet the challenges that we continue to face with Covid 19. We are relieved and happy to confirm that Hope UCC's Church Council has approved our continued regathering plan which means that we will continue to follow all safety guidelines in

the church building and sanctuary as we move forward with worshipping in person. We understand not everyone is ready to regather in person or be in crowds of fifty or fewer people, even with masks and spacing in place. There is no rush to regather. We will continue to livestream and record all services so that folks can still join in and be in church together.

We know that church feels a little different with the safety guidelines in place. We hope that eventually we can once again enjoy congregational singing, decrease the space between us in the pews, and have our Fellowship Hour again. We have faith that day will come. Until then, we are grateful for your understanding and support of the safety initiatives and guidelines.

Our state and county health organizations have made vaccines available to all in the community aged 16 and older. If you have not received your vaccination yet, we encourage you to do so. If you have had trouble with an appointment, we can help with that. Also, if you need a ride to any of the vaccination sites, we can help with that too. Please call the church office if you have any questions or would like any assistance with obtaining a vaccination.