

Covid Task Force Update

We are relieved that Rock Island County is beginning to show some improvement in our Covid Positivity Rate and Hospitalization Rate. The return to in-person learning in our schools, relaxing the safety mitigations, and vaccinations being administered in our area are all encouraging signs that better days are coming. Out of an abundance of caution and with our call to faithfully care for our community, Hope UCC's Church Council has decided to continue with our policy of only virtual gatherings for worship, meetings, and programs through the end of March. This decision was made based on the very small percentage of vaccinations administered in Rock Island County at this time as well as the risk from new and more easily transmitted variations of this virus. We are hopeful to be able to safely regather in person after March, but please remember that all services, meetings, programs, and other events are available using technology which is the safest way for our congregation to gather. We will continue our policy welcoming in person anyone without the ability to join electronically as they feel safe doing so. Anyone in our building and sanctuary must be correctly masked and maintain social distance guidelines. We thank you for your patience and for always complying with our Covid safety guidelines. We will remain faithful in doing so as this is an act of caring and loving our neighbors as we love ourselves. If you have any questions or concerns about Hope UCC's Covid plans, please contact the church office, any member of the Covid Task Force, or our Council President, Grady Birdsell. Thank you again for your cooperation and support during this challenging year.