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Subject: For Review: Birmingham UU Reopening Plans

Hello all,

This email below just arrived and I believe contains information worthy of consideration prior to reopening UUCGT in the coming weeks or months.

Thank you,

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From: Rev. Mandy Beal [mailto:mandy.beal@bucmi.org]
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BUC Reopening Plans

Dear Ones,

As we continue down this winding path, I know many of you wonder about our plans to reopen the BUC facilities. There is still so much that we don't know about this virus and

recommendations for managing a facility like ours are ever-evolving. I know we all want to be back on our beautiful campus, but there are many considerations to make. It's important to me that our plans for reopening are evidence-based, prudent, and serve the greater good of our community. The return to our building will be gradual and come in phases.

To prepare for this gradual return, BUC has taken several precautions. We have three commercial-grade, wall-mounted hand sanitizer dispensers with refills. We've also purchased two portable hand-washing stations and have a shipment of paper masks on the way. Our facilities staff will be trained in OSHA cleaning standards and will mark off areas to provide visual cues for social distancing. Our Buildings and Grounds Team are currently seeking out an evaluation of our HVAC system, as well.

Our first phase of reopening has already started by allowing a very limited number of rentals. We are offering individual rentals of our colored-door classrooms, which is an ideal arrangement for people who are struggling to work from home. Each room has a dedicated entrance and its own bathroom. For information, please contact our Rental Coordinator, Marcia Mahood, at marcia.mahood@bucmi.org.

Our second phase will be to open for small meetings on a limited basis, using the following parameters:

- Guidance from state and local officials about the number of people who may gather
- Our ability to provide enough physical space to accommodate social-distancing recommendations
- Potential upgrades to our HVAC system
- The ability of our facilities staff to meet OSHA cleaning standards, which means leaving enough time to clean between meetings

Our last phase of opening will be onsite worship services. We will not resume worship in our building until Homecoming Sunday (September 13), at the earliest. In August, the COVID-19 Response Task Force (Debbie Fordree, Diane Slon, Eric Sargent, Claudia Kocher, and Neb Duric), Board of Trustees, and I will review the available guidelines and information and make a determination about opening on Homecoming Sunday, or potentially waiting longer before resuming worship services in our building. Memorial

services will also not resume until that time. However, arrangements can be made for scattering ashes in the Memorial Glen.

Until we resume worship services in the building, we will continue using Zoom. After we return to the Sanctuary, we plan to offer some level of online participation in worship services for those who may feel uncomfortable gathering in large groups. If you are having any trouble accessing Zoom by computer, smartphone, or landline, please contact Sara Constantakis at sara.constantakis@bucmi.org for assistance.

There are still so many questions that can't be answered, but I want to assure you that the Board of Trustees, the COVID-19 Response Task Force, and I are working hard to make decisions in a timely manner while also considering the rapidly changing guidance and uncertainty of the future. We all look forward to the day that we are physically together again. Until that time, we are together in spirit and we travel down this winding road together.

Yours in faith and love,

Rev. Mandy



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