

Special COVID Protocol Update

Due to increased Covid positivity rates in Monroe County and Council's concern for everyone's safety, we want you to know that Mountain Rise Church Council and the Spiritual Life & Worship Ministry Committee are monitoring the situation and making adjustments on a weekly basis right now. We follow CDC and Monroe County guidelines as well as the advice of the NY UCC Conference. You may have noticed that Greg is keeping his mask on at all times on the recommendation of our NY UCC Conference.

We are aware that some churches in the Rochester area are choosing to suspend in-person worship during this time and because each church is unique, these choices will vary. Right now our church Council feels that it is possible for us to safely continue to offer worship in the sanctuary. There are two reasons for this decision:

1. Mountain Rise has a high number of worship attendees who have been boosted and faithfully wear masks properly.
2. Mountain Rise folks who are not comfortable attending worship in the sanctuary will opt out and participate online from home.

Going forward, Council and Spiritual Life & Worship would like to remind everyone attending in-person worship or meetings to follow these guidelines:

- Sit at least 3 seats away from anyone who is not part of your daily “family” group
- Consider sitting in the lobby area if you are not comfortable in the sanctuary but want to be part of the in-person worship
 - Continue wearing your cleanest, best mask properly, i.e. over your nose and mouth, at all times while in the church building
 - Continue providing contact tracing info at the entrance table
 - Offer only no-touch passing of the peace
 - Refrain from eating snacks or meals while in the church building

Thank you for your continued vigilance during this time,
Mountain Rise Church Council