**Moving Through the Pandemic…And Beyond**

*On June 27, 2021 the Congregation Council unanimously adopted the following policies and procedures for the immediate future and beyond. These decisions were made in response to convincing data indicating the COVID “Positivity Rate” in NJ is now at a record low.*

**Immediately**

- Facial coverings will be optional for worship and other

 events in our church building, beginning June 30,

 2021, while we encourage physical distancing,

 hand sanitizing, and masks for those unvaccinated

-Internet worship streaming and archiving will continue

 indefinitely

-The practice of placing offering plates in

 the rear of the sanctuary will continue, rather than

 passing plates from person to person (in order to

 avoid excessive handling/foot traffic)

- Hand sanitizer dispensers will continue to be placed in

 convenient locations throughout the building

- Support groups and other community groups will be

 allowed full use of the building starting July 1, 2021 as long as they can provide proof of insurance

 coverage and meet other criteria

- Post-worship coffee hours will resume on July 18, 2021

 with efforts toward physical distancing and outdoor

 fellowship, if possible

 *(Continued on reverse side…)*

**Beginning September 12, 2021 we will :**

- Offer Sunday School for our children on Sunday mornings

 during the worship hour

- Distribute communion as we did pre-covid, while

 offering worshipers the option of communing in the

 pews using the pre-sealed communion kits

- Resume choir rehearsals and offer choir anthems during

 worship

**Beginning in mid-Autumn we will:**

- Make plans for first communion instruction

- Consider lifting roped-off pew sections in the sanctuary to

 accommodate larger Sunday morning attendances while still encouraging physical distancing

*The Pastor and Council wish to indicate: These policies and procedures can and will* be modified should the COVID infection rate in New Jersey increase to harmful or threatening levels.

