

Mancos United Methodist Church

Minutes from November 14, 2021, meeting

1. Meeting was opened with a prayer
2. Outreach:
 - a. Valley Inn Worship, Wednesdays at 10:30
 - b. Prayer/Meditation group, Tuesdays 6:30
 - c. Youth group, Wednesdays 6:30 meal provided
 - d. Godly play will be starting up after Jan. 1st
 - e. Start a small Meditation group in Cortez
 - f. ^{Saturday} Nov 27th at 9:00 we will meet to decorate the church.
 - g. Tuesday, December 14, 2-4:00 Charge conference on zoom to approve the leadership team, Pastor's compensation, wider mission donation.
 - h. Discussion held about how to meet the needs of the community with other programs like yoga, prayer shawl group.
 - i. We will be providing Christmas baskets for 20 families. There will be a signup sheet.
 - j. The Bridge shelter has volunteer opportunities for serving dinner.
3. Finances: Finances are on budget. Expenses are down due to covid, and we received a \$11K ppp loan
It was decided the church would send out a nice letter about opening up and gratitude for the support received. We will not include pledge cards.
4. Tandana: Tandana is raising funds to start new programs and asked if the church can continue its support this year. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to continue with a \$5K donation.
5. Next Church meeting will be held on December 12th. To approve numbers for charge conference
6. Meeting was closed with a prayer

Bernadette Tuthill, Secretary

Attendance
11/14/21

Mary Potter

Silvia Flutz

Philip N. Waley

Gabara Blalock

Mike + Gail Lavey

Leigh Holmes

Mary Mares

Anna Talt

John Tsukayama

Helmi Ruth Aspaas

Craig Paschal

Mancos UMC will begin to hold 11am indoor worship on Sunday October 24th, 2021 with mask wearing required inside the buildings

John Wesley, founder of the Methodist Movement, summarized God's directives in "Three Rules: Do no harm, Do good, and stay in love with God."

It is important to note that "do no harm" is first, because to cause harm to any of God's creation makes following the other two rules difficult if not impossible.

In recognition of our obligation to cause no harm, and in recognition that currently the Community Transmission rate in Montezuma and LaPlata counties is High (the highest-level rating) and that the potential for COVID-19 transmission is highest indoors with many unrelated groups gathered, we can only begin to worship indoors if all of us work together to "Do no harm".

We recognize that as COVID-19 is primarily transmitted by exhalations from infected individuals, and while vaccinations protect individuals from having severe disease, it is still possible for ANY person to become infected and transmit disease. The most effective way to limit transmission in an indoor space is for everyone present to wear a properly fitting mask, to filter their own exhalations, and thereby "Do no harm". This is the principal purpose of wearing a mask in a crowded indoor setting; to do no harm.

Therefore, Mancos UMC, in All Church meeting held October 17, 2021, has decided that indoor worship may begin with the requirement that all will wear masks indoors.

Speakers and musicians who are on the front raised area can remove masks when speaking or singing but should wear them otherwise.

We will continue to hold online Zoom services at 9am for those who do not wish to wear masks, and for those who still do not feel safe with indoor worship. We will examine the feasibility of streaming the indoor service in the future, but at this time we don't have the staff or technology to do so.

For those who will join us indoors, please dress warmly, as we will be opening the windows while the building is occupied. Please sign in when you come in the building through the Grand Avenue entrance. Please use the hand sanitizer station as you enter. Please sit with your family or close associates and maintain a social distance from other groups.