

MINUTES FROM “SHORT” W&M MEETING MONDAY 2/28/2022 @ 7 PM

ATTENDEES: Judy, Sheri, Pastor Fred, Kevin, Julie, Katie, Joan, Sandy.

NOTE: Lynn could not attend, but submitted her input verbally ahead of time.

SUBJECT:

With the recent changes to the CDC guidelines for COVID, should we change our Trinity policy for in person worship from “Masks Required” to “Masks Optional”?

DISCUSSION:

- Judy noted that Morris County “rate” is now at 13 per 100,000 and that the vaccination rate exceeds 90%. Depending on which site is used, Morris County is rated either LOW or MEDIUM risk.
- Lynn believes we should wait another few weeks before changing our policy.
- Kevin noted that guidelines are constantly changing, but that this is evolving into an Endemic and can be treated more like we treat Flu Season.
- One thing that is Really important to emphasize: IF YOU FEEL SICK, STAY HOME!
- Masking was important to us to protect others when infection meant severe consequences including potential death. This is no longer the most likely consequence of infection for most people
- Those who feel uncomfortable without a mask are encouraged to wear one or to engage in worship remotely.
- It is simple enough to change the policy if and when the rates increase.

RESULTS:

- A show of hands resulted in a 7-2 majority in favor of Masks Optional. Pastor Fred will get the information out via email in time for the Ash Wednesday services.