

ROGER'S RECOMBOBULATION AREA: Large Group Events at Church - 01.12.2022

I'm so grateful to the congregation and staff for the very quick pivot we made last week back to virtual-only worship. So many people came to Sunday's service on Zoom, and forty-five tuned in after the service concluded for a powerful Cyber Social Hour. Once again, we embodied the idea that this is a strong spiritual community even if we aren't physically in the same space.

We will continue with virtual-only worship through January. If current COVID circumstances persist into February, then we'll continue virtual-only worship. We will be ready to go back to multi-platform (virtual and in person) as soon as it makes sense after February 1.

I want to make clear that this change in COVID protocol only applies to large group events. Small group activities (masked and distanced) are still welcome to take place at the church. Please feel welcome to stop by the building—even if it's just to sit and meditate in our beautiful sanctuary, or walk our labyrinth set up in the social hall. As long as at least one staff member is not sick or quarantining, we plan for the church to continue being open on Tuesdays through Thursdays between 10 AM and 5 PM; in person minister office hours will continue from 12-1 PM on these same days, with a virtual minister office hour on Friday.

The Social Hour and the opportunity it offers for deep connection and community continues to be very important in the life of this community. We had a couple last week who attended Cyber Social Hour for the first time. They admitted they didn't think it would work well, but instead were moved by the level of connection and depth they experienced. Come and join us! Children and youth are welcome to join Cyber Social Hour, too! Amy Peterson Derrick or Nico Van Ostrand will be ready to facilitate a youth/children small group.

Finally, this feels like perfect timing for Blessing Buddies! This has been a long and isolating couple of years. We want to help you stay connected to your WBUUC community at a time when so many of us could use a little extra love and encouragement. You can sign up to send and/or receive small blessings with others in our community. These blessings can be a simple card, drawings, poems that bring you hope, or other small homemade items full of well wishes. Sign up [HERE](#) by January 29th. Blessings will be sent the first week of February with an option to attend a Blessing Buddies zoom party on Sunday, February 13th at 1pm.