

**SESSION MEETING ACTION SUMMARY  
October 26, 2021**

The Session of FPC Moorestown met on October 26, 2021 and passed the following motions:

**Motion: To approve the removal of 18 inactive members from membership**

**Motion: To approve new COVID protocols** proposed by the Work Group for COVID protocols commissioned by Session to study the pandemic. Discussion centered around COVID Protocols and current masking requirement. The committee's recommended metric used is the CALI score, adopted by the NJ Dept. of Health, to measure the risk of COVID spread. The score in our area is: MODERATE. New protocols adopted by Session:

**For INDOOR WORSHIP:**

1. Masks optional for vaccinated adults. Masks recommended for unvaccinated adults, with all those 18 years of age or younger required to wear masks.
2. All singers in worship will be masked.
3. There will continue to be no congregational singing.
4. The sanctuary will be open seating, with social distancing when possible. People will be free to sit where they are comfortable.
5. Check-in, communion and collection practices will remain as current policy indicates.

**For other INDOOR MEETINGS:**

1. Masks optional for vaccinated adults, recommended for unvaccinated adults. If 1 or more participants are 18 years of age or under – ALL participants in the room will be required to wear masks (this includes Sunday School, youth group meetings).
2. Participants in any choir rehearsal/concert will be required to wear masks while singing.
3. No food will be served indoors.

**THESE PROTOCOLS GO INTO EFFECT ON NOVEMBER 1, 2021. CALI SCORE WILL BE REVIEWED EVERY TWO WEEKS TO BE SURE WE ARE STILL OPERATING UNDER THE "HIGH OR SUBSTANTIAL" RANGE. IF INDICATORS MOVE TO "HIGH" RANGE, A MEETING OF SESSION WILL BE CALLED TO RE-EVALUATE THE SITUATION.**

Session endorsed and encouraged Worship Committee's continued investigation into creative ways to provide optional worship opportunities in order to accommodate varying comfort levels for COVID protocols. There is particular concern for the young among us (under 12) who are, at this time, not eligible for the vaccination AND for the low vaccination rate in our area for those 12-18 years of age. There will be ongoing monitoring of the situation, especially as we move into the phase where younger children will soon be eligible for the vaccination.

**Motion: To affirm motions carried by Deacons on 10/5/21**

1. To move \$600 from Local Benevolence budget to Hospitality budget
2. To use \$200 from the carryover fund to support 2 families through Family Promise of Burlington County

**Motion: To allow Evan Livingston to link his *Go Fund Me page* for his Eagle Scout project to the church's Facebook page. Evan's project is to build a fire pit on the church property.**

**Other updates:**

Session heard a presentation from Cynthia Parker, a representative from Camp Johnsonburg, requesting that our church consider participating in their current capital campaign to raise money for infrastructure and programming improvements. Session established a task force to review their request and formulate a response. Task force members: Rev. Wes Allen, Kevin Fauvell, Cheryl Gaskill, Paul Grossmann.

Elder Nancy Chumney gave a report on Consecration Sunday. There was a positive turn out and committee is pleased with the response from the congregation.

Elder Kristen Perkowski gave a report on The Church has Left the Building. Participation was lighter than last year. There were 32 activities offered. Off-site options were offered, but no participants. Outdoor worship was added this year, which was a blessing. Thanks to all who participated and stepped up to take on extra projects. A suggestion was made to look at moving this project to Spring or possibly Martin Luther King weekend so as not to have it bump up against Consecration Sunday each year.

Installation Service for Rev. Wes Allen will take place on Sunday, November 14 at 4 pm in the sanctuary. All are encouraged to attend.