



# United Church of Christ, Congregational

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Church Family,

“Let each of you look not to your own interest, but to the interests of others.” -Philippians 2:4

The CDC is currently recommending that individuals, even those who have been vaccinated, once again wear masks when indoors, if they are in an area of substantial or high transmission. Medina County is currently at the substantial level of transmission. **While we are not requiring it, we are recommending that everyone, including individuals who have been vaccinated, wear a mask when attending indoor church services. This would include children ages 5 and up.** This change is effective immediately.

The Moderators and Pastor Luke agree with this recommendation, and Council has approved this recommendation via a special vote.

This recommendation is being made because transmission rates are on the rise, putting Medina County in one of the categories for which the CDC recommends wearing masks indoors, and data is showing that vaccinated individuals are more capable of transmitting the Delta variant of the virus, than they are the original version of the virus.

Finally, please understand that it is our goal that by taking this precaution, the Church will be able to remain open and continue in-person worship services, and keep our church family and community healthy.

As always, we urge everyone who can, to get vaccinated as soon as possible.

Blessings,

Matt Yates, Moderator

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