



October 9, 2022

## From the Conference Minister: COVID Guidance

Despite President Biden's remarks in Sunday's "60 Minutes" interview that, "the pandemic is over," Covid-19 is still designated by the federal government as a public health emergency and will continue to be so through at least October 13 when that declaration is up for possible renewal. Viruses in general have a consistent track record of increasing during fall and winter months and there is no compelling reason to believe this year will be any different. There is no immediate change in the public health guidance which includes:

Promoting the importance of being up to date with vaccination.

Reiterating that regardless of vaccination status, COVID-19 positive people need to isolate.

If you test positive for COVID-19, stay home for at least 5 days and isolate from others in your home.

Physical distance and masking are still important components to protect yourself and others.

Be attentive to Covid levels and prevention recommendations in your local area which, for Pennsylvania, you can find here: [cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/covid-by-county.html](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/covid-by-county.html)

While there has been tremendous relief in the return to the daily rhythms of pre-COVID life, I encourage all congregations and ministry settings to maintain a faithful level of vigilance to the safety and wellness of the people God calls us to love and serve.

With Prayers for your good health  
Pastor Bill

## Attention Children and Youth!

### National Art Contest



The UCC is launching a national art contest for children and youth that will be part of a larger campaign that will generate hope in making a difference when confronting the climate crisis.

How to participate?: Draw or paint about climate hope, environmental justice, or protecting the Earth. Sunday school class and youth group participation encouraged. Winners will be selected in November!

For more information:

1. Go to: [ucc.org](https://ucc.org)
2. Search: Climate Hope Cards



## Walking with God 2022

Saturday, October 15th

Please join us for a day of fellowship, fun, laughter, and learning, ending with worship and communion. This year's retreat will be held in the New Goshenhoppen Church park where many activities can take place outside, (in God's Good Creation). The park includes a covered band shell and dining hall, in case of inclement weather.

**For more Information and to Register :**  
<https://psecwvg22.eventbrite.com>