



“When can we reopen Unity?” – is the big question on everyone’s mind right now.

We understand the desire to meet in person, and we also have the responsibility to ensure that we re-open in a way that keeps our community safe. In early June, we created a Reopening Task Force charged with staying up to date on the various elements of this evolving landscape and making recommendations to the board on next steps forward for Unity of Walnut Creek. The team is made up of congregants who serve our community in a variety of other roles, a combination of Board members, staff and Production Team: Susan Angelos (chair), Charlene Balderston, Annie Love-Villiers, Felicia McBarton, Mike McGarvey and Scott Salser-Smith. Please feel free to reach out to the team through Susan at susan@unityofwalnutcreek.org.

The team is reviewing the evolving guidelines, mandates and health statistics for the State of California and Contra Costa County Health Services as we continue to move forward in this new normal. Recommendations may include mapping out phases and descriptions to include possible outdoor services and how to eventually get back into the sanctuary for services and YFM, consider classes, events, groups, and rentals

Another important piece of information is to determine where our congregation’s thinking is now. Many of you weighed in at the June Community Gathering. We are aware information and feelings change and we want to hear from more of you. The first week of July, the Task Force will be sending out the first survey to everyone to help gain some vital information about how **YOU** feel in regard to how and when we ease back into regular activities. Please be on the lookout for the survey request and respond promptly. If you do not receive a survey and wish your voice to be heard, please contact Susan at the email above. We anticipate a mid-July survey deadline so results and feedback can be presented at the July Board meeting.

Until the Task Force has gathered more data, please be aware that:

- There will be no inside gatherings at this time aside from the Sunday livestream service with the production team.
- There will be no scheduled outside gatherings. While we prefer that no spontaneous meetings are held on the UWC campus, if there is a meeting it should consist of no more than five people and all must wear a mask and maintain physical distance.
- The Bookstore will be open limited hours for pick up at the door. At this time, we aren’t offering in-store shopping, though materials for current classes will be available. Please contact our bookstore managers to make an appointment for pick up at agoode26@yahoo.com (Ann) or lisamichelle521@msn.com (Lisa).

We will stay in touch regarding future gatherings based on all the above findings and the desire to keep our community safe. In the meantime, please feel free to come enjoy walking the labyrinth on your own. Please wear a mask and respect physical distance when others are present.

As we continue to make the best of our collective situation, know that in truth we are never separated from each other or Spirit. We affirm health, peace and well-being for our community and the world around us.

In Love and Light,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kristin R. Powell".

Kristin Powell
Lead Minister

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Diana Mesetz".

Diana Mesetz
Board President