Special Vestry Meeting
October 3, 2021

Present: Nancy Folts, Donella Barney, Richard Little, Wayne Grimes, Terry Channing, Marilyn Dowdle, Joan Rogerson

Opened with a prayer at 9:50St.

St. James received from the Diocese a letter from The Rev. Ronald B. Young, Chair of the Thriving in the COVID World Task Force advising us that because there is a strong Covid-19 surge in Steuben County the Vestry should consider the following suggestions:

- Masking for all people including children inside the church regardless of vaccination status.
- Providing contact tracing
- Enforcing social distancing
- Keeping the service as short as possible
- Keeping windows and door open for better ventilation
- Suspending congregational singing
- Reminding people not to come to church if they are not feeling well, Even if one person in a family is sick the family should not come to church
- Returning to online services during the surge.

Our supply priest for that Sunday also requested that no unmasked person receive communion. He consecrated the elements, but chose to have the Lay Leader hand them out.

A discussion was held about how we should proceed at this point. It was decided that any supply clergy be made aware of our protocol.

It was moved by Marilyn Dowdle that at this point we continue as we have been while keeping watch on the COVID numbers in our county. This was seconded by Wayne Grimes. Approved.

Meeting adjourned at 10:12
Respectfully submitted by,

Joan Rogerson-temporary clerk