

WUMC Church Council Covid-19 Procedures for small group meetings and outdoor worship.

WUMC will follow North Carolina State and Western NC United Methodist Conference guidelines for all church activities during each phase.

Small Group Meeting Guidelines:

1. From our conference Bishop, scripture and our Wesleyan history, we are called to love others and do no harm. Recommended start date is June 15, 2020.
2. Group size: In person meetings should be 10 or less, and follow CDC guidelines for physical distancing.
3. Signs will be posted on all entrance doors to the Fellowship Center with physical distancing guidelines.
4. Priority of Use: Any small group within church such as Sunday School classes, bible studies and prayer groups. As part of our community commitment we will add AA meetings back as possible in late June. No other outside groups at this time.
5. Facility that can be used: Only use of the Fellowship Center with kitchen use only to get water for coffee.
 - Tables for seating of 10 are set up with physically distancing. A circle of 8 chairs is also available.
 - Coffee maker and supplies are in the Fellowship Center to decrease kitchen activity. Coffee pots must be cleaned with soap after use.
 - No food should be served or shared during these gatherings. Food will not be prepared in the kitchen.
 - The Love Conference Room cannot be use.
 - Bathroom available.
6. Booking the Fellowship Center for small group meetings:
 - Complete the facility use form from the Church Website. Completed by group leader/teacher. Send to Martha.
 - 1st request in will receive the Fellowship Center for requested time and date.
 - Allow 1-1.5 hours between facility use.
 - Larger groups will be asked to book 2 different meeting times/days for numbers that exceed the number allowed in the current NC Phase guidelines.
 - Groups should consider alternate days and times besides Sundays to meet for Sunday School.
7. Groups Responsibilities: Each group must maintain the Fellowship Center per these guidelines as well as standard security guidelines from the Trustees.
 - Each group will clean the area used prior to departure. A designated person will check before the group leaves that all table and chairs are returned to the starting set up, and that all surfaces are clean before leaving.
 - Cleaning: Disinfectant cleaner and clothes will be provided by WUMC. All surfaces such as tables, door handles, faucets, and light switches will be wiped down in areas used. This includes the Center, kitchen, bathrooms and hallway to bathroom. Chairs will be sprayed with the disinfectant provided and left to dissolve on the chairs. Cleaning agent must remain on all surfaces for the required 10 minutes.

- Wash coffee pots after use. Coffee maker should be wiped down with Clorox wipes or like product available.
 - All people participating in group meetings must wear facial covering over nose & mouth.
 - Group leaders should keep an informal list of attendees for 4 weeks (log-in sheets provided).
 - Groups will lose privileges to meet if any of the above guidelines are not followed.
8. In the event a person is later positive for Covid-19.
- Group leader should report to WUMC administrative Assistant when immediately known. In turn the Minister, Church custodian, Church Council, SPRC and Trustee chairs will be notified.
 - Group leader will be responsible for notifying the small group members.
 - Group will not be able to meet for the recommended period of time per guidelines to ensure all others are not positive.
 - Church Custodian will contact a professional cleaning service to clean the facility.
 - All other groups meetings will be suspended until the FH is deemed safe by the cleaning company.

Outdoor Worship Guidelines:

- Service held in the Fellowship Center parking lot.
- Park across the street in the large parking lot. Please allow all spaces in front of Education Building for handicap parking.
- Congregants will bring their own chairs.
- Family units will maintain 6 foot physical distancing from others.
- PA system and keyboard will be set up near the Fellowship Center.
- Church bulletin will be sent by email along with words to hymns. Prayer requests will be those from the previous Tuesday's Twizzler.
- A basket will be set up to receive offerings. Square might be available for use outdoors.
- Bathroom facilities will not be available.
- Service will planned for 30 minutes, not to exceed 40 minutes.
- Proposed date for 1st outdoor service is June 21st at 9 a.m.
- Weather cancellation decision will be made by noon on the Saturday prior. Notification posted on Facebook and by congregation email.