

Guidelines for small groups of adults meeting at First United Methodist

In order to provide an opportunity for small groups of adults to meet safely at church and protect our church family during this pandemic, we submit the following guidelines:

- Small groups up to the size of 20 people may meet in the Mission and Fellowship Center, and small groups up to the size of 12 may meet in the Steve Camp Classroom. (larger groups may meet on Zoom using the church's account or break itself down into smaller groups and meet at separate times.)
- Small groups must schedule their meetings with Christine Payseur to reserve a time and space.
- By attending a small group function at the church, participants pledge to:
 - Stay home if I am sick, have a fever, or have been exposed to someone sick with COVID-19
 - Wear a mask and remain six feet apart from other people
 - Wash or sanitize my hands often
 - Report my symptoms or sickness to the church
 - Pay attention to who I am in close contact with for contact tracing
- Groups that are meeting must make a list of all people present at each meeting and turn it into the church office. (A sign-up sheet with the above pledge will be at each venue to facilitate this guideline.)
- At each meeting, announce that anyone who tests positive should notify the church office immediately.
- No eating, drinking, or singing
- The kitchen is not to be used by small groups meeting at the church.
- The bathrooms in the lobby will be available, but are limited to 2 people at a time. (Limit will be posted on the door.)
- Signs saying that masks must be worn in the building will be posted.
- Groups must clean up after each use. Cleaning supplies will be provided. (A list of directions for cleaning will be posted on door and supplies provided.)
- Areas other than the bathrooms in the lobby and meeting room are off limits. No roaming.
- Policies for youth and children will be determined at a later date.
- These guidelines will be revised as needed based on the progress of the pandemic in York county and the 29710 zip code.
- The Small Group Task Force will meet at least monthly to assess the guidelines. This meeting would be before the Administrative Council meeting so they can draft any adjustments to these guidelines and report them to the Council.