

Guidelines for on-campus small groups

While offering access on our campus for small group gatherings is something we desire, we want to do so safely. To help us move forward and open more spaces for ministry and connection, we are providing these small group gathering guidelines to make sure our practices respect the needs and security of all those entering and using the FFUMC campus. In these uncertain and ever-changing times, we are grateful that these policies, while necessary now, will likely not be permanent. They will, however, need to be followed until further notice.

Considerations before scheduling on-campus meetings:

- Could your group meet effectively online?
- Could you meet outside on our campus or another location?
- Could you combine an online and in-person meeting so all can participate?

Scheduling an on-campus meeting:

- Schedule outdoor and indoor gatherings with the church office several days before your meeting. The church office (770-461-4313 or admin@fayettevillefirst.com) is open Monday - Thursday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (closed for lunch) and Friday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. This will allow us to place meetings across our campus, prepare spaces, and avoid conflicts.
- The church building will be locked, so you will need to procure and communicate any necessary door codes to your group.
- Group sizes will be limited and will vary room by room. Please be prepared to estimate your needs.

Expectations for on-campus meetings:

- Wear a mask at all times in the building. This includes time in the hallway and throughout the entire meeting, even if some or all in your group would prefer not to wear them.
- Enter the building as close as possible to the space being accessed and go directly to that area.
- Arrive close to meeting time and avoid unnecessary time in the facility.
- Refrain from touching surfaces unnecessarily.
- Maintain six feet of social distance at all times.
- Limit use of restroom facilities as deep cleaning throughout the day will not be possible.
- Water fountains are not available, so please bring any desired beverages with you.
- Thoroughly sanitize any space you use immediately following your meeting using products you provide. This will ensure spaces are clean and prepared for another group who may be using it right away.

Hopes for the hearts and minds of those who gather:

- Concern for brothers and sisters in Christ
- Evidence of the Fruit of the Spirit as we move through this time together: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control
- Grace and respect for others in our community

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