

Mount Olivet United Methodist Church Rules for In-person Meetings

Parking and entry into the building

Upon arrival to the church please park in every other parking space, leaving an empty parking space on both sides of the vehicle. If the meeting is held in the fellowship hall then the door under the arch connecting the sanctuary to the gym will be opened. If the meeting takes place in the sanctuary or the former choir room near the church offices then the vestibule doors to the church will be opened. You must wear a mask upon exiting your vehicle and it must be worn at all times while you are on church property.

Health Forms:

Dependent on the conference rules you will either be required to fill out a health form or review a poster with COVID-10 related questions afterwards you will be required to provide your name and number. The pastor will interpret the conference rules and take the necessary actions at the meeting to be in line with the conference's regulations.

Meetings in Sanctuary:

If in-person meetings need to be moved to the sanctuary then Pastor Tim will prepare the space for safe usage. Pastor Tim will remove hymnals, pew bibles, pens, and any other materials that were in the pews. The pew cushions will also be removed so as to minimize surfaces needed to clean.

Health Check:

If you have traveled out of your home area in the last 14 days, have exhibited within the last 14 days or are currently exhibiting two or more symptoms of COVID-19, you should stay home. Each participant must take their own temperature before coming to church. If you are running a fever, you must stay home.

Face Mask Mandate and Hearing Impairment:

Everyone must wear a face covering the entire time that they are on church property. If you cannot wear a face covering or refuse to wear a face covering, you will not be able to attend in persons gatherings such as bible study. Given the hearing impairments of many within the congregation, before speaking, you should raise your hand and wait till the pastor calls upon you. Upon being given the floor you may loosen your mask so that other can see your lips. Once you have finished speaking your facemask should be placed back in its proper positioning covering both one's nose and mouth.

Materials:

If you would like you may bring your own bibles, pen, and paper. There will be no materials supplied by the church outside of the health form. All informational papers required for the meeting must be emailed to the Pastor who will then place the meeting formation packet on each seat where participants are allowed to sit. This is not my rule but the rules of the annual conference.

Restroom:

The bathroom will be available for us in case of an emergency. Inside the bathroom, we will provide Clorox wipes (or the equivalent i.e. Lysol, store brand, etc. based on availability). If someone uses the restroom, they will be asked to wipe down all surfaces that they touch. This includes the sink, faucet knobs, toilet seat, toilet handle, light switches and doorknobs.

Enforcement:

If an individual(s) do not follow any rules, they will be given one warning to comply. If said persons do not comply, they will be asked to leave church property. If they will not leave, bible study will be over for everyone and the individual(s) will not be allowed back on church property until they agree to follow the rules.