

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Blood Drive Thank-You

We are deeply appreciative of the generosity of many of our members in either giving or attempting to give blood last Sunday! Because of your generosity lives very well may be saved. Going forward, once we are fully open and in our building again, we hope to have regular blood drives to support this life giving mission.

Updated Leadership

The church council, at its meeting last Sunday, filled several mid-year vacancies in church leadership positions. An updated list is available on the church website if you would like a complete updated list. Two of the actions taken by council are:

1. David Lowe appointed as new SPRC chairperson
2. Chris Marcus' election of new chair of trustees was approved by council after the trustees elected him at their meeting.

Small Groups

The church council has approved small group meetings under the following conditions:

1. Groups may have a maximum number of 10 participants.
2. Participants must practice social distancing
3. Participants must wear masks (exception: eating/drinking)
4. Participants are encouraged to use hand sanitizer or wash hands regularly. Especially upon arrival and just prior to departure.
5. Groups are encouraged to meet outside whenever it is possible.

Groups Meeting On-Campus

By prior action of our Board of Trustees, small groups and/or individuals wishing to meet on campus AND use the church building, shed, or youth building MUST adhere to the following practices:

1. Must receive approval from the trustees (or some other governing body of the church) prior to that meeting.
2. Enter and exit through one door. (To reduce surfaces that are touched.)
3. Limit your activity to one area if possible, and observe the 6 foot social distancing protocol.
4. Limit your group to 10 people or less.
5. All persons are asked to wear masks while on church property.
6. Be mindful of all areas and surfaces that you and your group touch or contact.
7. Upon exiting the premises, wipe down all surfaces that any person(s) have touched, with the provided spray disinfectant and a damp paper towel. (Disinfectant is located in the kitchen area. Near the paper towels.) This includes, but is not limited to, the following: phones, light switches, security alarm keypad, door knobs/handles, counter space, chairs, copier, kitchen and bathroom faucets/fixtures, and soundboard/video/computer/remote control/microphones, pens and pencils. Chairs and other upholstered surfaces should be sprayed with disinfectant.

Again, these only apply to groups meeting inside a Hopewell building.

Change of Meeting Dates

In order to provide a more complete monthly financial picture to the Church Council:

1. The Finance Committee will now meet immediately after worship on Sundays when Council is set to meet. Additional meetings can and will be called as needed.
2. The Church Council will now meet on the 2nd Sunday of every other month. Additional meetings can and will be called as needed.
3. The Board of Trustees will now meet just prior to the Church Council Meetings. Additional meetings can and will be called as necessary.

The next scheduled meeting for these groups is Sunday, September 13th.

Movie and Discussion

Pastor Don will lead an open and probing conversation about the 2019 film *Just Mercy*. All are welcome and encouraged to participate. The movie can be viewed on your favorite television platforms: Prime, Spectrum, Direct, and Youtube, to name a few. In July, depending on which phase the church is in, this conversation will be in person (socially distanced and wearing masks) or over zoom. The time is still TBD.

Prayer Requests

While we are worshipping online only you may easily submit prayer requests on the church website using the "Prayer" tab. www.hopewellumcsimpsonville.com. You may also call or text your prayer requests to Pastor Don directly at (864)630-0164

Tithes/Offerings

Please plan to maintain, or increase, your normal level of giving during this time of uncertainty. Giving is a vital part of our worship and spiritual lives as well as a critical need of our church to maintain ministry requirements. Thank you for your dedicated efforts in this area! You may give in four (4) ways:

1. Online by clicking the button on the welcome page of our church website www.hopewellumcsimpsonville.com
2. Mail your check to the church
1420 Neely Ferry Road
Simpsonville, SC 29680
3. Set up automated checking with your bank. Your bank can direct you how to do this.
4. Text keyword **hopewell** to **73256** and follow the link.

