

ROADMAP TO REOPENING FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

We hope this information helps inform you of what to bring and what to expect as we move family worship back indoors. Please note our small group activities will continue to be held outside. We can't wait to welcome you back to our campus!

How do I plan to attend church?

Hamilton Mill UMC will continue to offer two livestream worship services at 9:15 am and 11:00 am (modern and traditional) every Sunday allowing you the opportunity to still worship at home.

If you are not sick and feel ready to return to in-person worship, we look forward to welcoming you back indoors for family worship starting November 8th! Our in-person worship services will be held each Sunday at 9:15 am and 11:00 am. Please note these are family-style worship services as no nursery, kids, or student services will be offered.

- Masks are required everywhere on campus and needed while at HMUMC.
- You will enter the church through the exterior Worship Center doors under the portico and will make your way to the registration desk that is located in the Narthex.
- Note: Other church entrances and sections of the building are still closed
- Seating areas will be socially-distanced so our capacity in the Worship Center is limited. Pre-registration will be required (see below for how to register)
- Nursery, Kids, and Student Ministry will not be available on Sunday mornings.
- Seating in the Narthex will not be available and gathering in the Narthex will be discouraged.
- We are offering a "touchless environment" meaning bibles, hymnals, brochures, bulletins, etc. will not be available. We encourage everyone to use our HMUMC app to access information during the service. Feel free to bring your mobile devices along with you!
- In order for us to clean between services, we ask that you don't arrive too early. Doors will open 20 minutes prior to the start of service.

What precautions are HMUMC taking to ensure my family's safety?

Your HMUMC staff is working hard to follow up-to-date safety precautions and preventive measures provided to us from the Center for Disease Control, our state government officials, and any additional instructions from the North Georgia Conference of the United Methodist Church.

- Please see the guidelines we are following above and for full details on our COVID-19 policies and procedures, please visit hmumc.org/roadmap.

How do I register for in-person worship?

In order to maintain appropriate social distance during Sunday morning services, we are limiting capacity in the Worship Center to 200 people for each service.

To ensure you have a seat, reservations will be available each week starting the Wednesday morning prior until Saturday at midnight. The reservation button can be found each Wednesday at hmumc.org/roadmap.

Since this is a family-style worship, we need you to register every single person in your party. You will need to register each week and then let us know your family name when you arrive in the Worship Center on Sunday.

What should I expect for in-person services?

Even though we will be back together in person, things will be very different. Safety is our number one priority. Please note these changes:

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How do I let HMUMC know I want to have a outdoor small group meeting at the church?

All meetings need to be scheduled through our church Director of Operations to avoid conflicts and ensure that resources are available. Requests should be submitted via email to operations@hmumc.org and must include the following information:

- Meeting Date, Start Time and End Time
- Name of the leader who will be onsite and responsible for compliance with meeting guidelines
- Number of groups expected. (Groups are limited to a maximum of 15 individuals)
- Area where the group would like to meet (The primary meeting area will be lawn area in front of the cross and the Preschool parking lot unless another space is requested)

Please note that each group must have a designated leader in attendance that has been given safety guidelines by our staff. Additionally, we cannot allow any shared food or beverages during small group gatherings.

What do I need to be prepared for and what do I bring for my small group meetings?

All small group meetings will be held outside with no more than 15 people per group and each small group will be separated from one another.

Please bring the following to your small group meeting:

- A chair or small blanket
- A mask
- Your own drink (water fountains will be unavailable)

What to expect:

- Either before or upon arriving to the church campus, your group leader or staff member will be asking you a few screening questions regarding your current health.
- Don't worry, designated bathrooms will be available if needed.
- We ask that any parents dropping off kids/students remain in the car when dropping off/picking up their child(ren). If parents are participating in the activity, they must stay with that group for the duration of the meeting and not move to other groups.

I'm a small group leader - what do I need to know about having my small group back on campus?

Thank you so much for being a volunteer. Please note that your HMUMC staff member will be in touch regarding your reserved time and space for your outdoor gathering. We have a few additional items you need to be aware of to ensure a safe gathering.

Please screen all attendees before or upon arrival on campus. This includes asking them a few short questions about their health.

Anyone who answers YES to any of the three questions below must be asked to leave.

1. Within the last 10 days, have you been diagnosed with COVID-19 or had a test confirming you have the virus?
2. Do you live in the same household with, or have you had close contact with someone who in the past 14 days has been in isolation for COVID-19 OR had a test confirming they have the virus?

3. Have you had any one or more of these symptoms today or within the past 24 hours, which is new or not explained by another reason?

- Fever or feeling feverish (chills, sweating)
- New cough
- Difficulty breathing
- Sore throat
- Muscle aches or body aches
- Vomiting or diarrhea
- New loss of taste or smell

Group leaders also need to take attendance and report this attendance to a member of the staff within 24 hours of a meeting.

Restroom assistance: As a leader, we need you to designate at least one person to monitor access to restrooms. This monitor must limit the number of people in the restroom at one time to allow for social distancing. Limit for most bathrooms is 2 people at a time. Lines for the restroom must remain outside and everyone entering the building must be wearing a mask.

Once the meeting is complete, we ask that you make sure the area is cleaned and trash is taken to the dumpster located near the main parking lot entrance in front of the Worship Center.

Thank you for sharing your talents and time with us at HMUMC! We appreciate all you do!

We look forward to welcoming you back to campus! Together we can help reduce the spread of COVID-19!



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