

ROADMAP TO REOPENING FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

We hope this information helps inform you of what to bring and what to expect as we move both worship and small group activities 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 (traditional and modern) every Sunday allowing you the opportunity to still worship at home. If you have not been sick and feel ready to return to in-person worship, we're eager to welcome you back starting with outdoor worship on September 13.

Can you tell me more about the Outdoor Worship starting September 13?

Starting September 13th, we will offer a weekly Outdoor Worship Service at 8:30 am by the church cross located by the lower preschool parking lot.

- Because outdoor worship will be a casual atmosphere, you're welcome to come as you are in your favorite casual attire
- Worshipers are asked to bring a lawn chair, blanket, or towel for you and your family to sit on, as chairs will not be provided
- Seating areas will be socially distanced and marked on the lawn for your convenience
- Masks are required everywhere on campus and needed during your time at HMUMC
- Nursery and kid's programming will not be available at this time
- No pre-registration is needed. Feel free to come and join us each Sunday morning with your lawn chairs
- Outdoor worship will be weather permitting, so a notification will be posted on hmumc.org by 7:30 am Sunday morning if worship will be canceled

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

All meetings need to be scheduled through our Church Operations Director 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?

We are excited to welcome back small groups to our campus. 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 must 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 a 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 not participate until they can answer YES to all questions.

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!

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.

For full details on our COVID-19 policies and procedures, please visit hmumc.org/roadmap

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

