

Criteria for Outside Meetings on Church Grounds

Generally, all meetings that use church property must be approved by the Session during the Covid-19 pandemic. However, outside meetings on church grounds by small groups of people is allowed without prior Session approval under the following requirements:

- The size of the meeting group will not be more than twenty (20) people
- The meeting will last no more than 2 hours
- The meeting will be held on outside church areas other than the parking lot
- One individual attending the meeting will be designated the leader of the meeting and will be responsible for adherence to the requirements by all who attend the meeting
- The meeting will be scheduled a minimum of one week ahead of time with the Church Office Manager by the meeting leader to avoid conflicts
- The individuals at the meeting will maintain social distancing
- The individuals at the meeting will obey the current Virginia directives on wearing masks
- No individual may attend if they have been in contact with someone who has tested positive in the last 14 days
- No individual may attend if they have a fever or have any symptoms of illness
- The leader of the meeting will be given a key to the building but will not use it unless there is an emergency – if there is an emergency and the building must be entered,
 - The people entering the building must only go to where they need to go to deal with the emergency
 - The leader must record what areas / hallways were entered and notify the Church Office Manager as soon as possible to enable cleaning
- The leader will make arrangements with the Church Office Manager to pick up a key no earlier than three (3) days before the meeting, and the leader will return the key to the Church Office Manager within three (3) days after the meeting
- The leader is responsible for discovering if any attendees tested positive or exhibited symptoms of Covid-19 within 14 days after the meeting -- if someone did, the leader is responsible for notifying all meeting participants and the Church Office Manager of this situation – the Church Office Manager will then notify the Pastor and the Session