

Owingsville Christian Church FACILITIES USE POLICY

Owingsville Christian Church (herein "Church") may allow, at its discretion, the use of its facilities for activities not directly related to the operation of the Church.

COMPATIBLE USE

Mission of the Church: Non-Church related activities may be allowed when the goals of users are compatible with the Church. No activity shall be conducted on Church property that is incompatible with the Christian faith.

As the spiritual authority of the Church, the Pastor and Board of Elders shall have non-appealable authority over a decision relative to whether a use is consistent with Christian theology, doctrine, and witness. Further, if an activity negatively reflects on the Church's testimony to the community, then the Pastor and Board of Administration, in their sole discretion, may direct the denial of an application or cancel a calendared activity.

Safety: The Church may deny an application or cancel a calendared activity if determined that there is an unreasonable level of risk of injury to persons or property. A representative of the Church, given supervisory authority over a use of the facilities for a given event, has the inherent authority to stop said event in progress if, in his or her opinion, such action is necessary in order to protect life, health, and property.

PRIORITY USE

Church activities take priority over all other uses. For non-Church activities, first priority for space is to Church members.

TAX EXEMPT RELIGIOUS NONPROFIT

The Church is a nonprofit religious corporation which is exempt from state and federal taxation. The Church will not permit non-Church users to engage in activities which could cause the Church to lose its nonprofit status.

CANCELLATION OF AN EVENT

If the Pastor or Board of Administration, or their designee, determine that a calendared event must be cancelled or stopped, the Church shall refund the money to the user.

Exception: The Pastor or the Board of Elders, or their designee, may decline to refund money due to a false statement on the application or concealment of a material fact.

USE FEES

The Church charges a use fee to cover the performance of services or provision of things such as staff, utilities, supplies, cleaning, wear and tear, etc. Such fees will be kept at below market value for the rental of like property. The charge of a use fee does not convert the use of Church facilities into a for-profit commercial transaction.

COVID Guidelines & additional sanitization fee:

Groups must provide proper sanitization supplies for their members to use upon entering the building.

- Owingsville Christian Church wants to support the community by continuing to allow groups to utilize the space. However due to the increased need for sanitization, groups utilizing our facility must supplement our already increased sanitization routines with a few simple routines.
 - a. Prior to replacing tables and chairs to their respective places, they must be sprayed with the provided sanitizer. Tables must be wiped afterward.
 - b. Bathroom surfaces should be sprayed using the sanitizing solution provided. Door handles, counters, faucets and commodes should all be sprayed.
 - All group members in attendance must have no fever (less than 100°) and no COVID19 symptoms when entering the building. If any attendees have had any COVID-19 symptoms or fever, they may not enter the building until they have been free from fever and symptoms for at least 24 hours.
 - Novel coronavirus (COVID-19) is a disease first detected in December 2019. Little is known about the virus other than it is a respiratory virus with the potential to cause severe illness, pneumonia and other illnesses. People with COVID-19 have had a wide range of symptoms reported, ranging from mild to severe. ii. Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus and may include any of the following symptoms:
 - Fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea. This list does not include all possible symptoms.
 - All group members will practice good hygiene and follow required safety protocols when using the building. All group members will sanitize hands, wear masks and practice social distancing while meeting in the facility. i. Basic hygiene measures, social distancing and wearing masks can significantly reduce the risk of spreading the virus to each other. We understand that this is a change in behavior that we are not used to, but it is a kindness and a compassionate act for each other.
 - a. Good hygiene practices to be utilized: sanitizing of hands upon entering the building, wearing of face masks by all attendees, practicing social distancing of 6 feet.
 - b. When using the bathrooms: one person or family unit at a time, wash hands with soap and water for 20 seconds.
 - c. Social distancing of 6 feet should be practiced while using the fellowship hall tables/chairs and when visiting the bathrooms
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