

Dear HFUMC Family,

After much prayerful consideration, we have decided to delay the return of in-person Sunday School offerings, which includes children, youth and adult classes. You may recall these were set to resume in person this weekend, Sunday, Nov. 15. Due to the substantial increase in local COVID cases and the impact this resurgence is having on our local schools and hospitals, we feel it is in the best interest of our church family and our community to wait until at least the beginning of the 2021 year to resume in-person Sunday School.

We know this news will bring sadness for many of you – it does us, too, and was not an easy decision to make. We genuinely miss our normal Sunday mornings. We miss the small group fellowship. We miss the donuts and coffee. We miss the hugs and handshakes. However, given these quickly-developing changes in our community and our care and concern for each of you, we have decided to operate with the utmost caution as we continue to pray and partner with the HFUMC COVID team to monitor local conditions.

With this decision, we have also decided to postpone several other in-person events, such as Bible Studies, Discipleship Groups, Youth Group, and in-person committee meetings. If you are involved in one of these groups, your group or committee leader will be reaching out to you soon with direction on how your group will proceed with virtual or other alternative connecting points.

Our COVID team will continue to meet regularly through the end of the year so we can keep a close watch on the pandemic's impact on our community and discern the right time to resume in-person small group offerings. Our hope is that we will be able to do so safely in the new year. We promise to keep you informed of any decisions that are made between now and then.

Lastly, we want to say thank you. This season has been challenging to say the least – physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually – for everyone. Your support for each other, for our church, for our church leaders and for our community has been tremendous and is greatly appreciated.

In His Love,

Senior Pastor Don Hutchinson, Lay Leader Archie McKinnis & the HFUMC COVID Team:

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