# Lyttleton Street United Methodist Church 1206 Lyttleton Street Camden, SC 29020

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## **TITLE: Policy and Guidelines for Use of the Church Facilities**

#### **PURPOSE:**

The various facilities of Lyttleton Street United Methodist Church (LSUMC) exist to enhance its programs of worship, education, evangelism, membership cultivation and enrichment, missions, social concerns, and family life. The church exists to reach people both within and outside community of faith with the Good News of the Gospel, and to better equip them to use their God-given gifts in every area of their life and influence.

#### **GUIDELINES:**

- 1) Every church building, the church grounds, and LYSTRA are all part of LSUMC.
- 2) All members of LSUMC and church sponsored organizations are eligible to use church facilities. Church programs will take precedence over personal activities by church members in the use of facilities.
- 3) Appropriate dress and conduct is expected at all times.
- 4) Scheduling of events in church facilities will be coordinated through the Church Business Office. In case of conflicting schedules, the first recorded event has precedence. Any conflicts or appeals will be resolved by the Board of Trustees.
- 5) Request for personal use of facilities shall be made by submitting a completed reservation request form to the Church Business Office.
- 6) Facilities and programs of the church are not to be used for partisan political purposes or for commercial sales.
- 7) No charge shall be made for facilities when used for LSUMC church programs, or when programs are co-sponsored by a LSUMC group (example: LSUMC Troop or Pack).
- 8) A schedule of fees will be used to determine cost for use of facilities.
- 9) Fees will be charged for any exclusive reservation time, to include setup time. (Example: Event is 7pm to 9pm but group needs to set up room from 5pm to 7pm. Fees will be charged for 5pm to 9pm.)
- 10) A non-refundable security check fee of \$50 will be charged for all events to have a LSUMC staff member check the facilities once the event is complete. LYSTRA use is excluded from this fee.
- 11) It shall be the responsibility of the person making the reservation request to secure keys during office hours (8:30am 5:00pm Monday through Thursday, 8:30am Noon Friday) as needed, to be aware of, and to see that regulations governing the area to be reserved are followed. When securing a key, a deposit of \$20.00 is required for non-members. The guidelines will provide detailed information about cleanup, lights, equipment,

- heating/cooling, lock-up, and return of keys. It is the responsibility of the reserving individual or group to review these guidelines when submitting a reservation request.
- 12) From time to time, a church staff person or designated church representative may be on duty in various facilities. These persons will provide guidance, answers to questions, and any needed instructions to ensure the orderly use of facilities, especially when two or more activities are in progress at the same time in the same facility. Those persons using the facilities must respect the instructions of the representative.
- 13) Use of a church facility by individuals or community groups not related to LSUMC may be permitted. Each request will be reviewed as to suitability.
- 14) Chairs, tables, kitchen equipment, etc., in church facilities are not to leave the church property.
- 15) General wedding information, standards, a planning guide, and fee schedule relating to weddings at LSUMC are available in the Church Business Office.

## 16) Items prohibited on any church property except as approved by the Trustees:

- Use of tobacco, alcoholic beverages, or illegal drugs in any form
- Pets inside buildings
- Profane language
- Disrespectful behavior
- Firearms, weapons or fireworks
- Anything that could detract from a Christian atmosphere.

#### 17) Dress and behavior:

The Family Life Center is a support ministry of LSUMC. In the interest of influencing others for Christ, the speech, dress, and conduct of the members, guests, and visitors will be in accordance with the highest Christian standards.

#### **DEFINITIONS:**

- 1) **Member:** Participating in the Family Life Center is open to all members and persons who are enrolled in the ministry of LSUMC.
- 2) **Guest:** A person in attendance with LSUMC member or someone who is in attendance with a person enrolled in the ministry of LSUMC.
- 3) **Visitor:** A visitor is an individual who is with outside groups or teams, spectator, party participant, or touring individual.
- 4) **Children:** Children are those who have not started the  $6^{th}$  grade. Children must be accompanied by an adult, unless they are part of a supervised group.
- 5) **Youth:** Youth are those young people who have either started or are past the 6<sup>th</sup> grade and under the age of 21. Youth must be accompanied by an adult over the age of 21, unless they are a part of a supervised group.
- 6) **Member Rates:** Church members (family functions), other churches, and Christian Community Ministries (CCM) are eligible for **Member Rates**. All other organizations will be charged **Non-Member Rates**.

#### FEE SCHEDULE:

Facility	Member Rate	Non-Member Rate		
Fellowship Hall (Dining Room and Kitchen)	\$100	\$350		
Patio Area	\$25	\$50		
Meeting Room / Classroom / Conference Room	\$50	\$200		
Gymnasium (overnight activities \$300)	\$75	\$150		
Sanctuary / Chapel (Janitorial Fee)	No charge	\$750		
Music Room / Kitchen	\$50	\$100		
LYSTRA	See LY	See LYSTRA Guide		
Deposit	\$50 refundable	\$100 non-refundable		
Security Check Fee (excluding LYSTRA)	\$50	\$50		

**NOTE:** Janitorial services include general cleaning, table set-up & take-down, and trash removal. **Janitor service does not include dishwashing, clearing tables, or kitchen cleanup. This is the responsibility of the reserving individual.** Janitorial Services are not required for General Facility Use. Reserving individual is responsible for cleanup if janitor services are not utilized.

#### Janitorial Fees (to be paid directly to Custodian upon key pickup)

Weddings	Weddings are covered under the LSUMC Wedding Policy.
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- 1. All costs are payable upon approval of application. The individual requesting facility is responsible for any damages which occur.
- 2. **Kitchen / Dining Room**: Please review the posted inventory list for instructions on cleanup.
- 3. **Liability**: The use of the Family Life Center and other church facilities and equipment will be at the risk of the participant/user. LSUMC does not assume liability or responsibility for any participant/user. LSUMC does not make any expressed or implied warranty of the premises, equipment, machinery, fixtures, or furniture.
- 4. **Lost and Found:** The lost and found box is located at the Church Office. Lost items will be returned to the owner when the owner requests and properly identifies those items. Participants are encouraged to put their names on all personal items.
- 5. **Janitorial Services** If services are to be used, the services fee shall be paid directly to Custodian. If services are not desired, deposit must be paid to the Church Office, but will be refunded if facility is left in good condition.

## LYSTRA Guidelines

- 1. **LYSTRA** can only be reserved by members of the church for family functions. Use by other churches or conference groups will be considered on an individual basis by the Trustees based on a written request to the Church Business Office at least 30 days in advance of the proposed function. Due to liability and availability, outside organizations will be excluded from using LYSTRA.
- 2. Reservations should be made on the church calendar at least **two weeks** in advance. If reserved by a member, said member must be present at the activity, and will be responsible for the following guidelines.
- 3. A security deposit of \$20.00 is required when the LYSTRA keys are picked up and will be refunded when the keys are returned. The keys must be picked up during church office hours and must be returned by Tuesday of the week after the function or deposit will be forfeited. Sunday school classes, committees, and other LSUMC church activities are excluded from the rental fees and security deposits.
- 4. All trash and debris must be removed from the site as you leave. Please DO NOT leave any food items or anything in the refrigerators. This includes the picnic shelter, cabin, and bathrooms. Bring your own utensils, cooking supplies, bed linens & toiletries.
- 5. Rental season is from April 1 to November 1. Holidays (Memorial Day, July 4<sup>th</sup> & Labor Day) may not be exclusively reserved by anyone. The church reserves these dates for shared use by any of the church family.
- 6. It is understood that there is NO SMOKING in any of the buildings and all cigarette butts outside must be removed.
- 7. Please make sure all breakers (except Refrigerator breakers) are turned off and gate is locked as you leave.
- 8. If any problems occur with the facility, please contact the church office (432-3191) or the current member of the Trustees in charge of LYSTRA.

## FEE SCHEDULE

There are no NON-MEMBER rates. If outside usage is granted by the Trustees, the Trustees will assign the fee.

Facility to be used	Cost
☐ Church member use	\$55 / day
☐ Outside Church use	\$150 / day

## **Reservation Approval**

<b>Requester:</b>					Dates:		
#Days			☐ Item has been scheduled & no conflicts noted				
Staff Approval Signature:				Date of	Approval:		
Amount Paid:				Date Paid:			☐ Key Returned

# Lyttleton Street United Methodist Church FACILITIES REQUEST FORM

Requester's Name:		Phone:			
Date of	Date of Event: Actual Time of Event:				
Reserva	tion Time: Beginning	ning: Ending:			
Purpose	:				
Check	each facility you w	rill be us	ing.		
Check Here	Facilities to be used			Member Rate	Non-Member
	Fellowship Hall (Dir	ning Roon	1)	\$100	\$350
	Patio Area			\$25	\$50
	Meeting Room / Cla	ssroom / C	Conference Room	\$50	\$200
	Gymnasium		\$75	\$150	
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Janitori	al Due(payable to Leo			PAID	(DATE)
Please c	heck off items upon co		vation Approval		
	Item has been schedule	d on calend	lar and no conflicting reser	rvations were noted	1
Staff Ap	proval Signature:				
Date of A	Approval:				

<sup>\*\*</sup>Reservation approval and instructional handout should be given to reserving individual along with key.

## **Family Life Center Instructions & Checklist**

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### Gym Use

- 1. Light soled tennis shoes are required on the gym floor during play.
- 2. Appropriate length shorts, along with other suitable attire, are required at all times by males and females.
- 3. Absolutely nothing may be thrown from the gym floor to the ceiling, lights, equipment and walls. Anyone violating this rule is in danger of being dismissed from the Family Life Center and is liable for any damage resulting from their actions.
- 4. No soccer activities (i.e., kicking).
- 5. LSUMC gym equipment will be set up with permission.
- 6. No food or drink is allowed in the gym, unless it is part of a church-sponsored meal.

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