

Change in General Parking and Mobility Spaces for Sundays/Events The Community Church of Chapel Hill Unitarian Universalist

Effective: January 29, 2016

v. 11-29-16

On Sunday mornings, based on parking data collected over 15 Sundays, Jun 19 – Sep 25, 2016, we often need more spaces than our parking lots provide and we need more spaces closer to the buildings for handicapped (HC) and limited mobility parking. With these needs in mind, changes to nineteen of 123 spaces have been made for Sunday and event parking. New signage will be posted and we'll reassess parking needs periodically. These changes impact all of us so please read this and adjust your parking patterns accordingly. The last page is a diagram showing affected parking spaces.

1. **All spaces in the front circle drive** are now designated as handicapped (HC) or limited mobility parking (*see #10 & diagram below for specifics*). The circle drive will **still function as a drop-off/pick-up circle for passengers**. If you **need to unload items**, please unload in a manner that will facilitate a limited time and then move your vehicle so others can use the circle.
2. **All spaces in the back lot** (side of sanctuary) are now designated as handicapped (HC) or limited mobility parking (*see #11 below and diagram for specifics*).
3. **Allocation of spaces in the large parking lot will remain the same**. We'll continue to assess parking needs.
4. **In the large lot, park only in marked spaces**. Avoid parking in the center (*unless specifically asked to do so for a special event*). Parking in the center can block in others.
5. **Please make every effort to park between the lines**. Sometimes sorely needed spaces are lost because a parked vehicle prevented anyone from using an adjacent space.
6. **If you are among the more able-bodied of our members**, consider passing up some closer spaces, even in the larger lot, as a service for others who might need them more. This is especially true if you arrive early. (*Until we know how these adjustments address the needs, being mindful is appreciated.*)
7. **Refresh your memory of the location of alternative parking lots for Sundays** (or check the church website) in case the lot fills and you are directed to park elsewhere. The data is clear; we don't have enough spaces on some one-service Sundays, even during the summer, and some second service Sundays. The difficulty is that we often don't know which Sundays in advance. (FYI: *The unpredictability and limited parking spaces could be addressed if more of us routinely carpooled, avoided parking multiple cars, and/or used alternative parking.*)
8. **Pine lots are accessible from the church's secondary, paved driveway**, the one slightly further from Mason Farm Rd. If you park in the first pine lot, the first right off the driveway, you can back up and drive out forward to the main driveway to exit.

9. **All** are asked to avoid parking on the secondary, paved driveway (*unless specifically asked to do so for a special event*). Parked cars limit accessibility since the driveway is single-lane. Routinely driving over the shoulder edges damages them, undermining the driveway itself. __
10. **All spaces in the front circle drive** are now designated as handicapped (HC) or limited mobility parking.
- a. The same 4 handicapped spaces facing the office are still designated as such, but with a few changes. As before, the HC spaces have hash-lined areas between pairs of spaces. The hash-lined areas provide maneuvering room for a driver or passenger using a wheelchair or walker upon exiting a vehicle.
 - i. Preference should be given to drivers or passengers using a wheelchair or walker.
 - ii. The left 2 spaces, facing the Office, remain the same.
 - iii. The **3rd space from the left**, facing the Office, is now marked, “**Van Only.**” It is specifically designated for a van with a ramp or lift for a wheelchair. (*You may notice that this adjacent hash-lined area is wider to accommodate a lift or ramp.*)
 - iv. The 4th space from the left is marked, “Van Accessible”. It can be used either by an equipped van or other vehicle when the left two spaces are full.
 - b. All 10 remaining spaces in the circle are now designated for drivers or passengers with HC placards **OR** more serious mobility issues.
 - c. If you or the person for whom you are providing a ride has a HC placard, it would be helpful in gathering data if you displayed it.
11. **All spaces in the back lot** (behind sanctuary) are now designated as handicapped (HC) or limited mobility spaces.
- a. The paved driveway to the lot comes just after the main driveway to the church if you are coming from Mason Farm Rd., or just before it if you are coming from S. Columbia St./US 86.
 - b. Spaces to the right are HC with the hash-lined area between them. Preference is given to drivers or passengers using wheelchairs or walkers.
 - c. The remaining 6 are HC or more serious mobility spaces or those providing rides for them.
 - d. After parking, pass through the wooden arch into the Gertrude Willis Memorial Garden and turn right to enter through the double doors in the “back” of the Commons. These doors are unlocked on Sunday mornings.
 - e. If it is easy to maneuver your vehicle, there is room to back and turn around to go forward out of the driveway.

If you have questions, concerns, or better solutions, please contact eco@c3huu.org
or check the website, www.c3huu.org/eco-transportation.

See next page for diagram

Diagram: Mobility Parking Space – Effective January 29, 2016

