



"The Higher Way Church"
JONES MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST

FUNERAL POLICY

1. When a death occurs in the church family, the pastor should be notified immediately. Pastor Levingston can be reached at 713-733-4630 or pastorl@joneshigherwayumc.com. If you need to contact the Church Secretary, email churchsecretary@joneshigherwayumc.com.
2. The pastor will assist the family in making funeral arrangements. Arrangements are not final until they are approved by the pastor.
3. The pastor will meet with the family to assist the family in preparing the funeral program and answering any questions the family may have.
4. Since a Christian funeral is a worship service, it is strongly recommended that the funeral service be held in the church.
5. When the funeral service is held at the church, with the physical remains present, there may be viewing prior to the service and at the time of the processional. There will be no reviewing of the remains at the conclusion of the service. Private or public viewing of the body may be arranged prior to the funeral service.
6. Individuals and organizations responsible for church worship service will assist the pastor in the funeral service.
7. The funeral service is regarded as an appropriate function of the body of Christ, therefore, no fees of any kind are charged for the use of the church's facilities or its personnel for funerals of church members.
8. The church will provide the family of the deceased a meal when the deceased is a member of the church. In all other situations, the family meal will be the responsibility of the family. Church members will act as host/hostess in either situation.
9. The church will provide a memorial plant and/or flower arrangement for a deceased member. The Congregational Care Chairperson will have this responsibility.