



First United Methodist Church

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THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WORSHIP & PROGRAMMING COVENANT

We, the people of God at First United Methodist Church of Waukesha, have a mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Jesus implored his followers to love their neighbors as themselves. This includes modelling respectful behavior toward our fellow citizens in this pandemic. John Wesley's first general rule of Methodism was **"Do no harm."** Obtaining the vaccine is the best way to prevent harm and return to some degree of normalcy in our church and community. If medically able, we are called to model this behavior. As a loving Christian community in the Wesleyan tradition, we at FUMC hereby covenant with one another to continue the fight against COVID-19 even as we open our building for public worship, learning, and use.

- We covenant to abide by the directions and signage posted in our church building as a sign of respect for the sacredness of the space.
- We covenant not to attend any activities in our church building if we are sick (fever, cough, loss of taste or smell, etc.) or believe we have been exposed to someone who is sick so that we do no harm to others.
- We covenant to disinfect our hands immediately upon entering the building as a sign of our baptisms.
- We covenant to refrain from hugs or the shaking of hands when we are with others at church, again to do no harm.
- We covenant to remain at least 6 feet apart from people with whom we do not live or whom are not part of our immediate family, remembering that Christ's presence is between us.
- We covenant to wear face masks, regardless of vaccination status, to protect others in case we are sick but not showing symptoms and pray that those we come in contact with will be protected from illness.
- We covenant to respect that some parts of our church building will be closed off in order to protect others who use the building, our neighbors whom we are called to love.