

FUMC Santa Rosa

Core Value Statements¹ for our Membership Vows

Prayers - *Regular and faithful prayer, in varied form and setting. In voice and thought, private and shared, developed through a range of insightful experiences and opportunities.*

Prayer is essential to our worship experience. Our private prayers connect us to God and our shared prayer connects us to one another.

Presence – *Participation in the activities of the congregation through our presence, including outside activities with those in need. When we stand in the company of those in need, we are living into this membership vow, wherever and whenever this occurs.*

We offer our presence to all, no matter their circumstance. We share God’s loving grace through our compassionate action.

Gifts – *Sharing our financial gifts, our spiritual gifts, our time, and our other God given attributes and talents.*

We value generosity and recognize it is sometimes sacrificial. We give of ourselves to bring God’s love to those around us.

Service – *Living out the words of John Wesley: “Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can.”*

Our church’s service is evident by our care for each other, especially in times of need, and through help for those at the margins in the community.

Witness – *Leading a Christian life by example, including integrity, compassion, advocacy, outreach, and positive intervention.*

We are the hands and feet of Christ and we witness through our welcome, inclusivity, and works of justice and compassion.

1. Based on input from the congregation.

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