

## Core Values – 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.*

- Amazing Grace
- Guidance via sermons and music
- Involved worship
- Meaningful worship services
- Ministry
- Music supports worship
- Music
- Prayerful
- Prayerful and faithful – We need more events we can invite community to join, especially at SP.
- Rituals
- Spirituality opportunities
- Welcoming all people to God's Kingdom
- Willingness to look within. Open to change short comings.
- Worship
- Yearning to follow God
- We acknowledge the glory of all that is like Christ: The steadfastness of friends, the blessedness of individuals, the beauty of compassion, the courage of those who dare to resist all evil and hate. Sing to the Lord with a cheerful voice.

**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.*

- Being kind to others and tolerant.
- Caring for staff and involvement of laity. We need to support staff more!
- Compassion (2)
- Compassionate caring/help for those in need.
- All are welcome
- Community
- Mindful
- Welcome all people without any reservations
- Welcome
- Denominational loyalty
- Education – lots of meetings, transparency
- Fellowship

- Friendship
- Grow our young people to learn Jesus' ways
- Helping when help is needed
- Serve the Least\*
- Vulnerability and Risk
- Judgement Free
- Love (4)
- Love one another
- Loving
- Loving Kindness
- Nurture and help those in need
- Open
- Overall friendliness
- Reconciled church
- Reconciling (2)
- Shared Leadership
- Support for all members
- Take care of each other
- Taking care of our own members
- Togetherness
- Warm welcome to those who we don't know yet.
- We see those on the margins and walk with them
- We support each other through life's ups and downs. Compassionate.
- Welcoming differences
- Welcoming all
- Welcoming for all
- Fellowship & Caring – we are a family with many different views and needs. We need to serve the family to keep it healthy.

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

- Be joyful
- Being generous to the point of sacrifice.
- Generosity
- Generosity – Spirit Café
- Joy
- Legacy
- Sacrifice
- Faith, Hope, Love, and the greatest of these is LOVE.

- What we are in God's gift to us. What we become is our gift to God. (Louis Nizer)
- Willing to work for God & good

**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.”*

- Active in the community
- Care
- Care for our Community of Faith
- Caring
- Caring for all
- Caring community for those in and beyond church
- Helping poor/homeless
- Helping hand and heart
- Hospitality
- Inclusiveness
- Inclusive support to community
- Love
- Love and stewardship of the earth and all nonhuman
- Open
- Outreach services are many and wide reaching
- Outreach
- Outreach (2)
- Reaching Out
- Serve the community (2)
- Service
- Service to others
- Service to others Service
- Serving the Children with quality Christian education
- Stewardship
- Stewardship of our People
- Strong sense of mission
- Visiting, etc., sick or lonely
- As John Wesley suggested, we should do all the good we can, by all the means we can, in all the ways we can, in all the places we can, at all the times we can, to all the people we can, as long as ever we can.

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

- A willingness to ask, “What would Jesus say or do?”
- Acceptance – all are welcome
- Acceptance of all (inclusive)
- All are Welcome
- All are worthy and equal
- Appreciation
- Are always demonstrated by our behavior
- Being open
- Being unafraid to speak the truth
- Compassion
- Each of us is on our own journey, not to be judged by our fellows
- Education Compassion
- Express our personality
- Faith lived out
- Family
- God is love
- Honesty
- Inclusivity
- Influence our decisions
- Inclusion – across generations and cultures, incomes
- Kindness (2)
- Open doors
- Open Hearts
- Open minds
- Supportive – welcoming
- Sustainability by recognizing and dealing with our shrinking attendance and finances
- Work for justice
- Discipleship – learning where and how does God and Christ work within our lives and Church family?
- Outreach – helping hand to those who are less fortunate – both in and out of our FUMC community.