

### Whatcoat UMC Core Values

1. **Accepting** – **Romans 15:7** *Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God.*
2. **Growing** – **2 Thessalonians 1:3** *We ought always to thank God for you, brothers and sisters, and rightly so, because your faith is growing more and more, and the love all of you have for one another is increasing.*
3. **Relational** – **Philippians 2:5** *In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus....*
4. **Welcoming** – **Mark 9:37** *Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me.*
5. **Spiritual** – **1 Peter 2:5** *...you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.*
6. **\*Serving** – **Mark 9:35** *Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last and the servant of all.*

### Whatcoat UMC Mission

We believe God calls the saints gathered as Whatcoat United Methodist Church:

To **accept** all people into a **growing relationship** that **welcomes** us all into new life in Christ, anointed by the **Spirit** to love and **serve** God and our neighbor.

#### **Mission Link to spiritual disciplines (see below and next page):**

We repent by offering our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness in unceasing prayer, experiencing the healing hospitality of Christ, nourished on God's living and active Word to go, love and serve God and our neighbor in everything we do and in all that we are.

#### **Ministry Structure Match (How does our organization match our core values?):**

Accept (Repentance).....	Education, Youth, Bible Study
Grow (Stewardship).....	Finance/Stewardship
Relate (Prayer).....	Worship
Welcome (Hospitality).....	Trustees
Anoint (Meditation).....	Leadership (SPRT/Lay Leadership)
Serve (Love-in-Action).....	Missions, Whatcoat Women/UMM

## Whatcoat 2016 Lenten Spiritual Disciplines/Core Values

1. Feb. 14 – **Give and Tell (God’s Story Well)** – Deuteronomy 26:8-10 So the Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great terror and with signs and wonders. He brought us to this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey; and now I bring the firstfruits of the soil that you, Lord, have given me.” Place the basket before the Lord your God and bow down before him.  
*Life in Christ – an offering of grateful praise (Stewardship – Core Value: Growing)*
2. Feb. 21 – **We Live as the Promise of God** – Genesis 15:5-6 He took him outside and said, “Look up at the sky and count the stars —if indeed you can count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.” Abram believed the Lord, and he credited it to him as righteousness.  
*Life in Christ – awestruck wonderers (Prayer – Core Value: Relationship)*
3. Feb. 28 – **With Christ Our Way, We Cannot Fail** – 1 Corinthians 10:13 No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.  
*Life in Christ – standing on the promises (Scripture – Core Value: Spiritual)*
4. Mar. 6 – **Let’s Eat! God Rolls Away Our Reproach** – Joshua 5:12 The manna stopped the day after they ate this food from the land; there was no longer any manna for the Israelites, but that year they ate the produce of Canaan.  
*Life in Christ – sowing for God’s harvest (Serving = Core Value)*
5. Mar. 13 – **Christ: Our Way Out of No Way** – Isaiah 43:19 See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.  
*Life in Christ – growing in the wilderness (Repentance – Core Value: Accepting)*
6. Mar. 20 – **Tears Among the Tickertape** – Luke 19:41-42 As he approached Jerusalem and saw the city, he wept over it and said, “If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace—but now it is hidden from your eyes.  
*Life in Christ – passion for the people (Hospitality – Core Value: Welcoming)*