

## Whatcoat UMC 2017 Leadership Covenant

1. We seek to be faithful to the mission of The United Methodist Church in making disciples of Jesus for the transformation of the world.
2. We seek to offer Whatcoat United Methodist Church a united team that engages in honest discussions where we listen to one another, disagree agreeably, maintain confidentiality and have each other's back – always threatening each other with respect.
3. We seek to make our meetings a priority by attending unless we are sick or out of town. If we have to miss, we will notify the chairperson in advance. If the committee doesn't hear from someone, we will call and make sure they are okay.
4. We will meet the second Monday of the month at 7 p.m.
5. We will pray for each other once each week.
6. We will handle conflicts biblically. We will start conversations with questions and seek to understand one another's perspectives. Matthew 18:15–17 guides us: *"If your brother or sister sins, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over. But if they will not listen, take one or two others along, so that 'every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.' If they still refuse to listen, tell it to the church; and if they refuse to listen even to the church, treat them as you would a pagan or a tax collector."*
7. We will fulfill our responsibilities as outlined in The Book of Discipline.

In our Methodist tradition, three General Rules help Christians *pursue* these goals. With God's help, we live by these principles as we grow as disciples in faith and service.

- A. Do all kinds of good all the time, such as:
  1. Live a life of love
  2. Share our faith inside and outside of Whatcoat UMC
  3. Care for our families
  4. Build others up
  5. Be engaged with those in need, both inside the church and out
- B. Pursue growth in our spiritual lives, such as:
  1. Participate in worship together regularly
  2. Engage in close Christian friendships for spiritual growth and intentional faith development
  3. Serve God with our time, talents, and spiritual gifts
  4. Give in proportion to our income, generously and cheerfully
  5. Spend time in prayer and the personal study of scripture
- C. Avoid those things which are inconsistent with the life of faith, separate us from God, and bring harm to others and ourselves, such as:
  1. Self-destructive behavior
  2. Moral compromise
  3. Self-centeredness and pride
  4. Malice (harboring resentment, acting in anger, backbiting)
  5. Wasting of resources (the church's, or personal resources of time, talent, finance)

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*Welcoming All to Passionately Pursue Jesus and Share God's Love with Others*