

Youth Covenant

Christ United Methodist Church

I, _____, understand that I am representing our Lord Jesus Christ and
(please print your first and last name)

Christ United Methodist Church in all youth activities. Therefore, for my own safety, the well-being of others, and mutual respect*, I promise that:

1. I will not possess or use illegal drugs, alcohol, or tobacco in any form.
2. I will use prescription or over-the-counter medications only with the permission of my parents or guardians and under the supervision of an adult leader.
3. I will not possess or use prohibited explosives, fireworks, or weapons.
4. I will treat other people's property with respect* and cause no form of vandalism or destruction to any private or church property.
5. I will treat adult leaders and other members of the youth group with respect*.
6. I will cause no emotional or physical injury to myself or others.
7. I will respect* others by avoiding inappropriate sexual activity and will not engage in sexual misconduct, which includes but is not limited to inappropriate jokes, comments, or touching; viewing inappropriate materials; wearing clothing that is immodest, offensive, vulgar, or inappropriate; or listening to music with offensive lyrics.
8. I will relinquish my cell phone or other electronic devices to the leaders if they request me to do so during youth events.
9. I will be responsible for my actions and will act in a Christian manner.

In addition to these promises, I agree to work in harmony** with the leaders and members of the group by participating in activities. I will also respect* the opinions of others and care for my peers as sisters and brothers in Christ. I agree to listen and adhere to all the instructions by the adult leaders.

If I am eighteen years of age or older, I understand that I am attending this activity as a participant and have no authority over any other participants.

I understand that if I fail to comply with any of the above promises, I will be held personally responsibly for any injuries or property damage that may result from my actions. Depending upon the nature and severity of the violation, I understand that I may be reprimanded, that my parents may be notified of my behavior, that I may be removed from the activity at my parent or guardian's expense, that I may be referred to local law enforcement, and that my future privilege to participate in Christ United Methodist Church youth events may be jeopardized.

Youth Signature _____

Parent Signature _____

Date _____

* to better understand the expectation of acting in a respectful manner, please note Phillipians 2:3-4 "Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility, value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of others."

**to better understand the expectation of working in harmony with the group, please note Ephesians 4:2-3 "Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace."