

## First United Methodist Church of Ann Arbor

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## **Staff Covenant**

First United Methodist Church of Ann Arbor is a safe place where love, compassion, empathy, creativity, and respect are embodied to nurture our relational ministry with one another, the congregation and the community. We humbly remind ourselves that God sometimes works in ways we cannot see.

As children of God, we covenant to do the following:

- Celebrate the diversity of our gifts, perspectives, and individual faith histories.
- Seek opportunities to discover, explore, and employ our God-given gifts.
- Reflect God's love, grace, truth, and respect in our interactions.
- Assume the best of each other and speak well of each other and of those we serve.
- Accentuate each other's strengths; minimize each other's weaknesses.
- Forgive one another and ourselves when we fall short.
- Address conflict directly, without triangulation.
- Fellowship, worship, and pray together and for one another.

In all things, we recognize the wonder of God at work in and through us. We find ourselves and the world transformed through small acts of great love as we grow to embody God's grace.

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