

COMMUNITY CODE OF ETHICS

“Live as people worthy of the call you received from God. Conduct yourselves with all humility, gentleness, and patience. Accept each other with love, and make an effort to preserve the unity of the Spirit with the peace that ties you together. You are one body and one spirit.”
Ephesians 4: 1b-4b CEB

With God’s help, we promise to live out this sacred calling as individuals and as a community of faith.

We Will Be People of Faith

- Praying, alone and together, for the work of the church.
- Seeking to discern God’s will for the whole church and the community in which we serve.
- Maintaining an attitude of reverence during worship.

We Will Promote Unity and Peace

- Treating one another with kindness, courtesy and respect.
- Refraining from gossip and all forms of unkind or divisive speech.
- Supporting the pastor and the Board with our cooperation, our prayers and our giving.
- Maintaining an effective pastoral relations committee.
- Conducting church business in an open, honest and transparent manner.
- Practicing wise stewardship of our property, our resources and the environment.
- Working to resolve discord through mutual listening and sharing.
- Drawing upon denominational counsel and church discipline (*Matthew 18: 15-17*) to resolve serious conflict or misconduct.
- Striving to reveal Jesus’ love and compassion at all times.

We Will Practice Hospitality and Neighborly Love

- Maintaining a clean and safe environment for the congregation and for members of the larger community.
- Minimizing physical barriers and eliminating artificial barriers that prevent or discourage persons from worshiping with us.
- Allowing appropriate community groups, organizations, and churches to use the church facilities and share our worship space.
- Participating in inter-faith and ecumenical services and events.
- Supporting local, national and international programs that promote Kingdom values of peace and justice.

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Community Baptist Church, Medford.

Resources

The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), "Ethical Guidelines for Congregational Conduct," 1988

The National Association of Evangelicals, "Code of Ethics for Congregations and their Leadership Teams," 2015

Gilbert R. Rendle, "Behavioral Covenants in Congregations," The Alban Institute, 1999