

Are you a member? Do you want to be a member?

Did you feel like you should vote for our new pastor but weren't sure if you could?

We would love to have everyone interested in being a member, become a member.

The process is easy: lunch (orientation) on a couple of Sundays to understand how this church works and then you stand up in a membership service and declare your membership by answering a few simple questions. The orientation dates will be based on availability of the majority of those interested.

The details on membership in the ByLaws are stated below.

If you feel like you want to be a member, please let Karen, myself or a member of the Council or Deacons know.

We would love to have you and have everyone feel included!!

Trish Grinnell, Moderator

ARTICLE V: MEMBERSHIP

A. Active membership is understood to be regular participation in and support of the spiritual and temporal life of the congregation.

B. Admission to membership

1. Any baptized youth or adult may be admitted to membership in the Church by confirmation, re-affirmation of faith, or transfer (when authorized by a letter signed by the Pastor or Clerk of another Christian Church), following completion of the orientation for new members.
2. Any person who wishes to participate fully in the life of the Church, while maintaining membership in another church, may be received as an associate member, following completion of the orientation for new members.
3. Any non-Christian who wishes to participate fully in the life of the Church, may be received into fellowship, following completion of the orientation for new members.
4. The responsibilities and rights of members, associate members, and fellows are defined in this Article V, Sections C and D.

C. Responsibilities of Membership

1. It shall be the responsibility of every Member, Associate Member and Fellow to participate regularly in worship, fellowship, and/or a small group activity such as choir, bible study, book discussion, mutual support for spiritual growth, or any fund-raising or mission project.
2. It shall be the responsibility of every Member, Associate Member, and Fellow to contribute to the financial well-being of the church through a weekly offering or annual pledge, in a manner commensurate with his or her personal circumstances.

D. Rights of Membership

1. All Members have the right to vote at all congregational meetings.
2. Associate members and Fellows have the right to vote at all congregational meetings except on matters concerning changes in these bylaws, or the calling or termination of a Pastor.
3. All Members are eligible for election to the Church Council.
4. All Members and Associate Members may serve communion.
5. Active Members, Associates, and Fellows (as defined herein) may use the Meeting House and/or Parish House at no charge, for weddings and other personal, non-profit activities, if no other Church function has been previously scheduled for the space.

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