

Congregational Behavioral Covenant

For the United Church of Christ of Robesonia, PA

Affirmed on November 13, 2022

Before God and one another

- We promise as a congregation to gather together regularly for Worship, and to be faithful in our personal prayers and Bible study.
- We promise to support our church and its ministries through generous stewardship of our Time, Talents, and Treasure.
- We promise to endeavor to: regularly pray for our church and pastor; bear witness to the good of our church in our community; invite new individuals to join us in worship or other church activities.
- We promise, in a spirit of faith and trust, to follow Jesus' teachings in his Golden Rule (Matthew 7:12 & Luke 6:31) by doing the following:
 - a) Have open communication and respectfully listen to others;
 - b) Discuss, debate, and disagree openly while honoring decisions made by the Consistory and Pastor;
 - c) Continue our love for each other and our leaders even if we disagree;
 - d) And we promise to agree to disagree at times.
- We promise to be guided by Jesus' Golden Rule and what the scriptures teach about anger (Ephesians 4:25-27) and take responsibility for our strong feelings and not express them in an inappropriate, aggressive, or harmful manner.
- We promise to follow Jesus' teachings in Matthew 18:15-17 when dealing with conflict and grievances by doing the following:
 - a) First, speak directly in private to the person who has grieved us;
 - b) Then, if that does not work take a witness or two;
 - c) If neither of the above works, take it to the Pastor and/or the Consistory.
- We promise to not gossip, to have a positive attitude, and to have a graceful heart for each other's ministries.