



Resurrection
A UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Alcohol Usage Policy

Established by Church Council

We believe an alcohol-free environment is a strong witness to the world, particularly to children and youth. We also wish to be sensitive to those who suffer from alcohol and/or drug abuse by creating an alcohol-free environment. While recognizing that faithful Christians may have differing personal perspectives on the use of alcohol, our church has established the following policy:

Alcohol will not be served at church-related events nor will alcohol be purchased with church funds.

Church-related events include all gatherings on the premises and church gatherings held off-site, including official meetings of church groups and events promoted through a church ministry group. We also discourage the use of alcohol at offsite events not sponsored by the church but attended by a group representing the church.

“Let us, then, pursue what leads to peace and to mutual upbuilding. Do not, for the sake of food, destroy the work of God. Everything is indeed clean, but it is wrong for you to make others fall by what you eat. It is better not to eat meat or drink wine or do anything else that will cause your brother or sister to stumble.”

Romans 14:19-21

Denominational Perspective

“We affirm our long-standing support of abstinence from alcohol as a faithful witness to God’s liberating and redeeming love for persons. We support abstinence from the use of any illegal drugs. Since the use of alcohol and illegal drugs is a major factor in crime, disease, death, and family dysfunction, we support educational programs encouraging abstinence from such use.”

The United Methodist Book of Discipline ¶162.J