



WHORTON BEND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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GENERAL RULES FOR USE OF CHURCH FACILITIES

- First and foremost, please remember that this is the “House of God” and all conduct and activities are to be conducted in such a manner as to glorify The God of Jesus Christ.
- Individuals and groups who wish to use the church facilities must make their request and be approved by the Board of Trustees. If you have trouble contacting the head of the Trustees or members of the Trustees, you may contact the pastor who will help you with your request.
- Individuals and groups are expected to do their best to protect all church property from damage or loss during all use and activities.
- Individuals and groups are urged to leave the church facilities in the same condition as they found them. In addition, please turn off all lights, coffee pots, etc. and lock the doors, if applicable, when your activity is over.
- All clothing worn on church property should be appropriate for the intended function and reflect Christian values. No clothing with foul or suggestive language will be tolerated.
- Profanity or abusive language will not be permitted anywhere on church property.
- Under no circumstances will alcoholic beverages, illegal substances, firearms or weapons be permitted on church property.
- Absolutely no smoking or use of tobacco products will be permitted in church buildings. When smoking or using tobacco products outside the church buildings, after use of such products, please place remaining material in a proper receptacle. **DO NOT** throw them on the ground or parking area.
- Please be careful with food and drinks, limiting their use to appropriate areas. Clean up any spills as quickly as possible.
- An adult must supervise all small children while on church property, for their own protection and to insure an atmosphere of worship. (With this said, we know children will be children, and God loves them as we do!)
- For special occasions such as weddings and funerals, the ritual and music should be of an appropriate Christian nature. If there is a question about the use of such items in any service, the minister shall be consulted.

- No rice shall be used during wedding services (or any services), either inside or outside the church buildings. Birdseed may be used in these services, outside the church buildings.
- When decorating for special services (weddings, etc.) the use of thumb tacks, staples, or other materials that may cause damage to the buildings need to be approved by the Trustees. The moving of furniture within the worship area, such as pulpit, pulpit chairs, choir chairs, podiums, communion table, etc. may be allowed prior to arrival, as long as they are moved with care as not to cause damage, and are placed back in their original position after the activity.
- **FEES** for use of church facilities are as follows:

Non-members of Whorton Bend United Methodist Church:

<i>Use of Sanctuary:</i>	<i>\$50.00 per day</i>
<i>Use of Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall:</i>	<i>\$100.00 per day</i>
<i>Use of Fellowship Hall only:</i>	<i>\$50.00 per day</i>

A deposit of \$100 is required for clean up. If the church facilities (buildings and grounds) are left as you found them, this deposit will be returned.

SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES:

As caring, loving followers of Jesus Christ, we realize that certain conditions may present themselves, which may need special consideration. These will be handled on an individual basis as they arise.

Also as a Christian Community we may extend grace to other small United Methodist Churches (and other small denominational churches, after consulting with the pastor and Discipline of the United Methodist Church.)

Fees may be waived under these special circumstances.

Adopted by the Trustees of Whorton Bend United Methodist Church:

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