

Zion's Covenant of GRACE

Believing that through our baptism we have been born again into the Kingdom of God and that the Holy Spirit is transforming us to live Christ-like lives, as members of Zion's Union Church Maxatawny we commit, as we are able, to:

- **Attend worship and receive the sacrament of Holy Communion regularly**
- **Be actively involved in at least one ministry or activity of our church**
- **Pray and engage in God's word daily**
- **Faithfully support our church financially**

Further, we commit to engage with our fellow members based on God's loving GRACE:

Gratitude with Humility

Grateful for the blessings of church and community with which God has blessed us, with contrite hearts we acknowledge that we have fallen short of the desires of our Lord for our church. Acknowledging our sin and shortcomings, we seek to follow Christ's direction for our church's ongoing renewal. *1 Peter 3:10-17*

Relationships that are God-Honoring

In every way, by thought, word, and deed, we will seek to build God-honoring relationships with each other. We will build each other up and not tear down. We will respect everyone's participation and contribution as a joyful response in expressing love for God. *Romans 12:18*

Always Gentle and Loving

Our approach to dealing with difficult issues will be gentle, loving, and Christ-like. When we have a disagreement with another, we will communicate directly with that person, speak for ourselves only, and will do so in the Christ-honoring, compassionate spirit of this covenant. *Luke 6:27-36*

Considerate and Respectful

We will always strive to be respectful of one another's point of view, graceful in our manner of communication, and act with empathy and understanding of another's ideas or position. We will listen with an open mind to the opinions, ideas, and concerns of others and respond with thoughtfulness and sensitivity. We will focus on issues and not personalities. *Colossians 3:12-17*

Everyone Seeking Unity through Sacrifice

Recognizing that we are in a church built on the cornerstone of Jesus Christ and that He desires for all his followers to be one, we will seek unity by willingly sacrificing our own desires to those of our Lord in faithfully building the church He desires us to be.

Everyone in this congregation is authorized to remind each other of our commitment to abide by this covenant whenever we find ourselves in an interaction that does not represent the relational grace to which we have agreed. *1 Corinthians 10:31-11*