

A COVENANT FOR PARENTS

My Covenant With My Child and With God

As a loving parent , I want _____
to learn about the love of God and about his/her Christian
heritage and traditions. To support _____
in this journey, I covenant to:

- Bring _____ to Sunday
School and worship regularly
- Arrive at classes and services on time
- Abide by the Safe Sanctuaries' policies of Saint Mark UMC
(including the requirement to sign _____
in and out of every activity)
- Discuss with _____ his/
her experiences in Sunday School, Children's Church, and
worship
- Let _____'s teachers
or other children's workers know about any special concerns
or needs of my child
- Assist the children's ministries of Saint Mark with at least one
activity or event this year
- Pray for _____'s
teachers and other volunteers who work with children at
Saint Mark UMC.

Signature _____ Date: _____

Signature _____ Date: _____

A COVENANT FOR CHILDREN

Read through this list with your child so you and your child will know what is expected of him/her as a member of Saint Mark United Methodist Church's Sunday School and worship programs. Feel free to add any items that may be unique to your family. After reading the covenant, have every child in the family sign it and post it somewhere in your home where it can be read often.

My Covenant with My Parents and With God

Because I am a child of God who wants to learn more about God and about the Christian faith, I covenant to:

- Attend Sunday School and other church services and activities regularly
- Come to church classes and activities on time
- Be a friend to others in my class, especially to children who are new to the group
- Leave at home my own toys and games so I can pay attention to my teachers and other people
- Pay attention to my teachers and other grown-ups and try to be helpful to them
- Practice safety and kindness at all times
- With my parents, read the Bible memory verses and try to memorize them
- Tell my parents about what I learn in Sunday School and in the worship service, and in other church activities.

Signature _____ Signature _____

Signature _____ Signature _____

Signature _____ Signature _____

A COVENANT FOR TEACHERS AND OTHER ADULTS WHO WORK WITH CHILDREN

Note: The Teacher's Covenant is signed and presented by each teacher at the Commissioning Service on Christian Education Sunday. A copy is printed here for your information.

Parents and children are not the only people who are encouraged to make these covenants with their church community. We also ask every teacher of a children's class to sign a covenant.

My Covenant with My Students, My Co-Workers, and With God

As an adult who loves God and who wants to share God's love with the children in my church community, I hereby covenant to:

- Be faithful in adequately preparing for the time I will spend with the children in study, worship, and play
- Arrive PRIOR to the time when my class' or group's activities are scheduled to begin
- Abide by the policies of the Safe Sanctuaries program of Saint Mark United Methodist Church, including completion of the volunteer application, signing the release for a background check, and insuring that parents abide by the sign-in and sign-out requirements for every class, activity, or event
- Attend at least one training session/event during the Sunday School year (September-May)
- Maintain regular communication with members of my teaching team
- Inform children's minister or other ministers, as appropriate, about any pastoral care issues related to children in my class

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- Follow up with children who are absent for two consecutive Sundays (make a phone call, send a card, etc.)
- Learn about and hold appropriate expectations of students in my group's age-level – socially (behaviorally), intellectually, spiritually
- Practice “discipling” instead of “disciplining”
- Keep my classroom in good order, making it inviting and welcoming
- Attend Children's Council meetings
- Communicate with parents about lesson topics, upcoming events, any special concerns or needs of their child