



## MATTHEWS UNITED METHODIST

### MUMC Leadership Covenant:

We covenant to pray, thanking God and seeking his direction as we listen for God's responses.

We covenant to lead others by our example of faithful worship, embracing generosity and tithing, supporting our pastors and staff, and discerning what is best for our whole church.

We covenant to respect, care, and pray for each other, listening to ideas with an open mind; to discuss, debate, and disagree openly while expressing our point of view; to support the direction and decisions of the individual, group or decision-making body.

### Rule of Life

*Time-tested, biblically-grounded spiritual practices for leaders:*

1. I will practice a **persistent pattern of prayer**. My relationship with God in prayer is at the center of everything I say and do.
2. I will maintain a daily practice of **study and reflection with the Bible**. I am constantly looking for the way the Bible speaks to me.
3. I will use the **gifts God has given me to serve others** as my way of participating in God's transformation of the world.
4. Because God loves people enough to give his Son for them, I will love people enough to **invite them to experience God's love** and become disciples of Jesus.
5. I will live out my discipleship **with other disciples** who support me and hold me accountable for my continued growth.
6. I will **worship weekly** in the gathered congregation of followers of Jesus. It takes priority on my calendar. It sets my direction for the rest of the week.
7. I will **practice the biblical discipline of tithing**, giving the first 10% of my income to God's work as the starting point of my life of generosity.