



LAKE LOUISE

A sanctuary empowering personal growth, faith, and knowledge within community.

Alcohol Use Policy

Living in Christ-like Community

Our goal is to *live within* and *live into* in Christ-like community.

Historically, the Methodist Church was a temperance church. At its inception in 1934 our Community adopted an abstinence policy prohibiting the possession or use of alcohol, and this was written into the Community's Residential Property Lease. The modern United Methodist Church and its current Book of Discipline affirms abstinence, but also acknowledges "those who choose to consume alcoholic beverages" and encourages "judicious use with deliberate and intentional restraint." We affirm the current *Book of Discipline* as a reliable guide to one's choice and use of alcoholic beverages in our Community.

Many in our Community choose to abstain from the possession or use of alcohol. We affirm their choice and desire to live in community in this way.

For those who choose to use alcohol, we encourage their "judicious use with deliberate and intentional restraint," according to the laws of the State of Michigan, and within our Community standards of caring for ourselves and our neighbors in Christ-like ways.

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