**Service** Witness

Our commitment to uphold the church through our service reflects the example of Christ, who came not to be served, but to serve, and to give his life for many.

God has blessed each of us with talents and resources. Sharing these is how we express love and gratitude to God and one another. Sharing these is how we invest in life change.

At Chandler UMC we encourage everyone to discover and place into action the unique gifts with which you have been blessed and use them by participating in a ministry of the church.

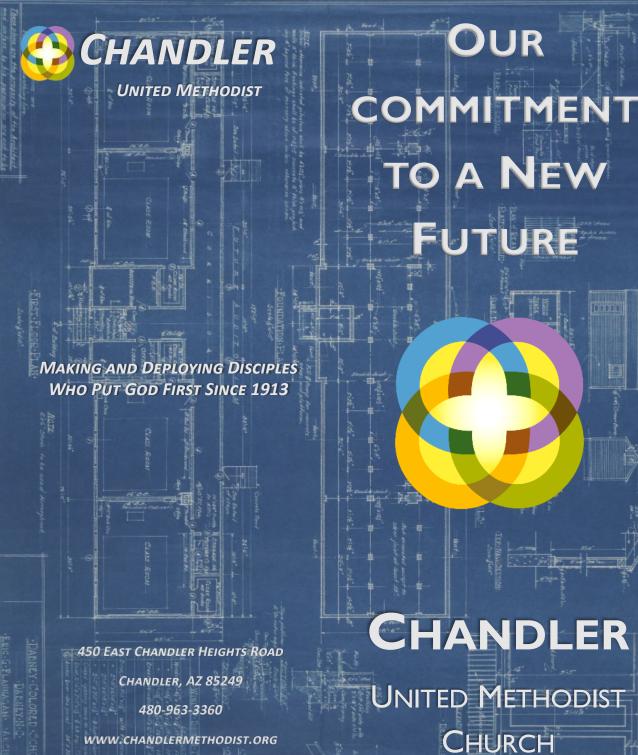
Our commitment is to uphold the church through our witness to one another and the world.

Our witness is how people remember us. Through the look on our face, the calm in our demeanor, the attention in our listening, the words we choose, the tone of our voice, the way we treat those who have power over us and those who have none communicate clearly the presence of God in our lives. .

At Chandler United Methodist we accept the responsibility that our witness has very little to do with what we say and very much to do with how we act and treat others.

Commitment is the little choices we make every day that determine who we are.





**Prayer** 

Presence

Gifts

As United Methodists there are specific commitments we share. Among these is our pledge to support the church with:

our prayers our presence our gifts our service our witness.

These five areas of commitment are the way we organize our lives to put our faith into action. Chandler United Methodist Church offers multiple opportunities to assist us in fulfilling our commitments.

Our commitment is to uphold the church through our prayers because we realize we need God's help in order to be the church.

When we pray for our pastor, our teachers, our leaders, one another, our adversaries and for those who may never even enter our doors, we express our dependence on God so that we might in turn both learn and practice the ways of God in the world.

Prayer can be a time of listening, wondering, emptying and expressing.

Prayer is the key factor in resolving the frustrations and conflicts of our lives.

Prayer changes us.

Our commitment is to uphold the church by showing up because we recognize that is how God works in us.

Worship is where we find our spiritual center, guidance, comfort, clarity and strength to practice our faith as we carry it to the world.

Life changing ministry happens when we open ourselves to be used by God.

learning in a class,
visiting in the hospital,
helping to fix up a home,
offering a supporting word...

All of these are opportunities to grow in the likeness of Christ. All require being present in the ministry of the church. Our commitment is to uphold the life and ministry of the church through intentional giving as a grateful response for all God has given us.

Such a commitment reminds us of our role as stewards over everything God has entrusted to us.

The giving of our financial resources makes possible the many life changing ministries of Chandler United Methodist Church.

Therefore it is appropriate to see our intentional giving as an investment in bringing God's kingdom.

Commitment is following through on what you said you would do after the feeling you had when you said it wears off.





