



Alcohol Policy

SUBJECT TO the following policy, and in compliance with the laws of the State of Missouri, St. Louis County and the City of Chesterfield, it is permissible to serve/consume alcoholic beverages at St. John's United Church of Christ, 15370 Olive Blvd., Chesterfield, Missouri.

1. Christ used and served alcohol at his first miracle at Cana and when he instituted Holy Communion. If an adult member elects to use alcohol, moderate usage is expected.
2. The minister and president of the Church Council are to receive a request no less than 14 days in advance of the intent to serve/consume alcoholic beverages on church property.
3. The organization hosting the event where alcoholic beverages will be consumed shall specify in advance and in writing to the church, the beginning and ending time of availability of such beverages. Such times are not to be extended without the permission of the minister or president of the Church Council.
4. Alternate non-alcoholic beverages are to be offered to participants at any function with equal dignity and hospitality. Suitable alternative beverages might include non-alcoholic sparkling wine, punch, soda drinks, fruit juice, coffee or tea.
5. Any beverage which contains alcohol, including punch, must be clearly labeled as such. This applies to any food where alcohol has not been volatilized.
6. The method of serving alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks should be equal as well as the type of drinking containers available.
7. Food must be available/served.
8. No minor is to be served alcoholic beverages (other than communion), even if offered by parents and/or guardians.
9. Advertising and publicity for events at St. John's UCC are not to promote alcoholic beverages even if they are to be available.
10. While alcoholic beverages may be served/consumed, unopened containers of alcohol may not be sold except by a nonprofit organization's fund raising auction or prize in a raffle.
11. Care must be taken to ensure that responsible adult persons are always in control of the serving of alcoholic beverages.
12. Under no circumstances, shall alcohol be consumed or present at children or youth functions or retreats
13. Non-church organizations using church facilities are required to observe this policy and.
14. By their signature below, the group or organization sponsoring the event at which alcoholic beverages are served/consumed on church property acknowledge they have read and understood this policy, and assume full legal responsibility, including the provision of transportation for anyone whose driving might be impaired.
15. The undersigned acknowledges receipt of a copy of this policy, agrees to be bound by its terms, represents that they have the legal authority to bind the organization for which they are acting as agent.

Name of Organization _____

By _____

Name printed _____

Title _____ Dated: _____

Approved by the St. John's UCC Council/Congregation on _____.

