

THE ONE-ANOTHERS FOR THE CHURCH

There are many places in the bible where we are instructed regarding how we should treat the visitor and the guest and the stranger. This is not a list of those texts. This is the list of occasions when Jesus and Paul coached the young church in the ways they were to treat one another. These specific behaviors illustrate how we, too, are called to treat one another within the family of faith that we call the First United Methodist Church of Palo Alto. I share this with you as a study guide during this next 4 weeks while we journey through a sermon series entitled, "The One Anothers."

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"Salt is good, but if it loses its saltiness, how can you make it salty again? Have salt in yourselves, and **be at peace with each other.**" (Mark 9:50)

"A new command I give you: **Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.** By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." (John 13:34-35)

Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. (Romans 12:10)

Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not think you are superior. (Romans 12:16)

Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law. (Romans 13:8)

Therefore let us **stop passing judgment on one another.** Instead, make up your mind not to put any stumbling block or obstacle in the way of a brother or sister. (Romans 14:13)

Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God. (Romans 15:7)

I myself am convinced, my brothers and sisters, that you yourselves are full of goodness, filled with knowledge and competent to **instruct one another.** (Romans 15:14)

I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you **agree with one another in what you say and that there be no divisions among you,** but that you be perfectly united in mind and thought. (1 Corinthians 1:10)

So then, my brothers and sisters, when you gather to eat, you should all **eat together.** (1 Corinthians 11:33)

So that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have **equal concern for each other.** (1 Corinthians 12:25)

You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature; rather, **serve one another humbly in love.** (Gal 5:13)

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Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, **bearing with one another in love.** (Ephesians 4:2)

Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. (Ephesians 4:32)

Speaking to one another with psalms, hymns and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, (Ephesians 5:19)

Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ. (Ephesians 5:21)

Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. (Colossians 3:13)

Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you **teach and admonish one another** with all wisdom through psalms, hymns and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. (Colossians 3:16)

Therefore **encourage one another and build each other up,** just as in fact you are doing. (1 Thessalonians 5:11)

Make sure that nobody pays back wrong for wrong, but always **strive to do what is good for each other** and for everyone else. (1 Thessalonians 5:15)

But **encourage one another daily,** as long as it is called “Today,” so that none of you may be hardened by sin’s deceitfulness. (Hebrews 3:13)

And let us consider how we may **spur one another on toward love and good deeds,** not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching. (Hebrews 10:24-25)

Brothers and sisters, **do not slander one another.** Anyone who speaks against a brother or sister or judges them speaks against the law and judges it. When you judge the law, you are not keeping it, but sitting in judgment on it. (James 4:11)

Therefore **confess your sins to each other and pray for each other** so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective. (James 5:16)

Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. (1 Peter 4:9)