

St. Peter's Episcopal Church
121 Church Street
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ALCOLHOL USE POLICY

As Christians, we believe that everything God made is good. Only when we abuse or misuse the gifts of God do they become harmful. We expect the use of wine in the Eucharist, in Agape Feasts and other celebrations of joy. In order to avoid abuse of this gift, we offer the following policy:

1. Alcoholic beverages will not be permitted on Church property or at official functions taking place elsewhere, except as approved on a case by case basis by the Rector, or in his/her absence, the Rector's Warden.
2. Distilled spirits will not be served at any time.
3. Wine and/or beer will not be served before meetings at which decisions are to be made and prudence is necessary.
4. Wine and/or beer are not to be sold, and in all respects the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania must be observed.
5. Alternative beverages of equal attraction and availability must be offered, and a choice must be offered in such a manner that no one is embarrassed or inconvenienced in exercising their preference.
6. Food is to be made available whenever beer/wine is served. All food or punches containing alcohol must be clearly identified.
7. It is the responsibility of the sponsor of any activity or event where beer and/or wine are served to insure that moderation is observed. In the instance where there is any question of the ability to drive, safe and alternative means of transportation must be provided.
8. It is the responsibility of the Rector, or in his/her absence, the Rector's Warden, to inform those hosting the function of these policies and secure agreement prior to the event.
9. The existence of this policy does not imply that use of wine/beer is expected at social functions, but rather is a response to a serious problem in our society.

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