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2 St. John United Church of Christ
3 520 Fairfield Ave.
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6 **Halloween Policy**

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8 Approved by Church Council - December 2016
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12 **For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them. Matt.**
13 **18:20**

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15 All gatherings at St. John United Church of Christ (the Church) represent the mission,
16 vision and purpose of the Church. Therefore, activities, decorations and topics of
17 discussion should be chosen with intentionality and for appropriateness. This mandate
18 also applies to individuals and/or groups that rent the facility.
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20 Most holidays uplift Christian themes, family and community. Halloween, however,
21 presents unique challenges as it is often celebrated using dark images of death and the
22 demonic. The Church does not approve of the inclusion of these images in the
23 celebration of this holiday. The Church does support activities that promote fun, family
24 and community in conjunction with Halloween. Therefore, these guidelines are
25 established:
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27 **Basic Guidelines:**

- 28 1. All activities celebrating Halloween are to focus on the themes of the fun and
29 sharing aspects of the cultural holiday.
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31 2. Participant are to refrain from using images, displays and activities involving
32 demons, devils and all other frightening images.
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34 3. All activities, decorations and discussions should be appropriate for any age and
35 audience.