

Bethel UMC
Values Workshop
March 5, 2025

Values are the things that are REALLY important to the church. By reviewing the church's budget, bank account, and calendar, the church's values can be discerned.

Realized values are the values that are already present in the life of the church. These values drive the church's behavior.

Bethel UMC's leadership identified the following as realized values:

- 1) The spiritual care and the spiritual strengthening of the current congregation.
- 2) The church is a family. It provides community to those who attend.
- 3) People who attend feel welcomed.
- 4) Being good stewards of the \$200,000 gift.
- 5) The care and upkeep of the church property and facilities.

Idealized values are values that the church thinks should be present in the life of the church but are currently not present in the life of the church.

Bethel UMC's leadership identified the following as realized values:

- 1) More knowledge and learning opportunities about the United Methodist Church's history, theology, and policies.
- 2) Visiting parishioners and shut-ins in nursing homes and hospitals.
- 3) Using the church facilities as a community meeting place- Scouts, AA, NA, Rotary, Celebrate Recovery, etc.
- 4) General outreach ministries and programs.
- 5) Children's ministries and programs.
- 6) Activities beyond Sunday morning worship.

Before the next meeting on April 16th, Bethel UMC's leadership will pray every day for the Holy Spirit to guide them in discerning the top two idealized values that they want to address. The leadership may want to meet prior to April 16th to discuss and discern which of the above realized values they want to address.

Next meeting: Thursday, April 16th at 5pm