

The following represents what we believe are
God's Vision, Mission, and Core Values
for Lake Deaton United Methodist Church
for the next 2-3 years.



COMMISSION

*To make disciples of Jesus Christ
for the transformation of the world.*

VISION

- What we will become (future) -

*A family of faith where all are welcomed and
actively engaged in transformation for Jesus Christ.*

MISSION

- What we will do to achieve the Vision (present) -

*A Christ-centered community,
worshiping and serving together and apart where....
the welcome is warm,
faith grows,
love becomes action,
and lives are changed.*

CORE VALUES - *How We Agree to Act and Live*

RADICAL HOSPITALITY

Radical Hospitality is the practice of putting extraordinary effort and emphasis on inviting and making all people feel welcome in church and in our day to day living.

(Hebrews 13:2; 1 Peter 4:8-11)

Passionate Worship is an extraordinary eagerness to offer the best in worship, honoring God with excellence and with the purpose of connecting people to God and one another as the people of God. It includes going beyond the church to where people live, work, and play. *(Psalm 95:6-7)*

PASSIONATE WORSHIP

INTENTIONAL FAITH DEVELOPMENT

Intentional Faith Development is the purposeful learning in community that helps people mature in Christian faith. It includes focus on experiential learning, mentoring, spiritual formation, and forming relationships as well as traditional content-based education. *(Acts 2:42-47)*

Risk-Taking Mission and Service refers to both service and witness we offer that stretches us beyond our comfort zone and has us engaging people and offering ourselves to ministries that we would never do if not for our desire to follow Christ. It focuses upon relationships shifting from doing ministry *for people* to doing ministry *with people*. *(Matthew 25)*

RISK-TAKING MISSION AND SERVICE

EXTRAVAGANT GENEROSITY

Extravagant Generosity describes practices of sharing and giving that exceed all expectations and extend to unexpected measures. It describes selfless giving, sharing, sacrifice, and caring for one another, our community, and world.

(Luke 12:32-34)

Christ-like Integrity describes the way persons agree to live in their relationship to God and one another in our church life together and everyday life. It means speaking the truth in love (honesty), even when there is disagreement, thus modeling the way of Christ. *(Ephesians 4:29)*

CHRIST-LIKE INTEGRITY