

## St. Matthew's Purpose Statement

As disciples of Jesus Christ, we are called to constantly renew and grow in our faith and to continually improve the way we live out God's Word in our daily lives. To this end, St. Matthew's Vision Alignment Team (VAT) has been exploring how we can better focus and align our strategy, programs and activities to enhance our impact on the world. As a first step, the team reviewed St. Matthew's current mission statement and developed a draft "Purpose Statement" to better reflect St. Matthew's current and planned activities in support of the United Methodist Church's vision and mission. The goal of the Purpose Statement is to define why St. Matthew's exists and to affirm the role we play as part of the larger church to accomplish our shared mission and vision. To support the Purpose Statement, the team also identified a set of "Values" that guide us in fulfilling our purpose. Together, the Purpose Statement and Values reflect who we are and what we do as a church and provide a foundation upon which to develop our goals and strategic priorities for the next several years. Starting on October 27, Pastor Neil will be preaching a series of sermons called: ***This is God's Church***. It will be based on elements of the Purpose Statement below.

Please read the draft Purpose Statement below and prayerfully consider if you feel that it accurately reflects what we do here at St. Matthew's and what we will strive to do to fulfil the teachings of Jesus Christ. The VAT team is seeking your feedback, which you can provide in a number of ways:

1. Provide comments on the back of this insert and leave it in the offering plate or at the church office by November 4, 2019.
2. Attend an information and input session to discuss the Purpose and its implications for St. Matthew's programs on:
  - a. Sunday, November 3, during Youth Group (6:00–7:15 pm) (Youth Only)
  - b. Sunday, November 3, during Sunday School (10:15–11:00 am) in Room 302

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### **Mission of the United Methodist Church:**

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

### **St. Matthew's Purpose:**

***At St. Matthew's, we share our faith, strive to live and grow as disciples of Jesus Christ and empower all people to develop and build strong relationships with God and each other.***

### **Values that Guide Us:**

*Welcoming; Acceptance; Faithfulness; Service; Generosity; Authenticity; Forgiveness; Caring*

***Children and youth, older adults, families and serving those in need are purposefully incorporated into everything we do.***