



LOVE GOD.
LOVE ONE ANOTHER.
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BETHEL ANNUAL REPORT 2021

2021 ANNUAL REPORT

Bethel By the Numbers

How Bethel has lived into our mission to Love God, Love one another, and Love our neighbors in the past 12 months

LOVE GOD

Weekly in-person worship resumed in June and services have averaged in weekly attendance

68



5,851

total views of Youtube live-streamed services

We have had to be creative and adaptive with how we worship during the pandemic. In 2021 we installed a live-stream system that has allowed us to live-stream every week reaching Bethel members and new people.

6

weekly small group, Bible Study, or faith formation groups

LOVE ONE ANOTHER

Bethel offers weekly small groups, Bible studies, and faith formation opportunities

LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR

Bethel loves our neighbors through concrete acts of service.

- 15,120 meals packaged through Rise Against Hunger
- 105 children served through Untrim-a-tree
- 70 families served annually through our food pantry

Love in fellowship

We love one another through fellowship and fun at men's breakfasts, potlucks, the softball field, or selling Christmas trees or pumpkins.



LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR

Bethel loves our neighbors through community partnerships!

Our building loves!

Our building helps us fulfill our mission as nearly a dozen organizations regularly use our building for healing and wholeness (AA/NA), nurture (Scouts, Girl Scouts), worship (Harvest Korean, Wailing Women), song (NDC), and much more!

Partnering in mission!

Bethel works with the Lord's Table and the Hilda Barg Center to serve over 710 hot meals a year to the homeless in our community!

MISSION

Love God. Love one another. Love our neighbors.

BETHEL IN 2021

The graphic to the left shows some of how we have been able to fulfill our mission in 2021. 2021 was a challenging year as we navigated mission and ministry during a global pandemic. We tried to be adaptive in this time to ensure that we could meet the needs of our church members and fulfill our mission in the community in new ways.

We put in a brand new live-stream system to allow us to offer hybrid in-person and online worship.

We found ways to love one another virtually through Zoom Bible Studies and in-person through dinners, breakfasts, and pot-lucks later in the year.

We loved our neighbors through continued acts of service and mission.

We look forward to continuing to live into our mission in 2022 through the ministry plan on the following page.

2022 Ministry Plan

Here's how your generosity will make an impact as we work to fulfill our mission! Here is where your money goes when you make an undesignated contribution to our general fund.

LOVE GOD:
WORSHIP

46%

The largest share of our ministry plan goes to loving God in worship. It is the primary thing we do as a church and is often our first encounter with new people seeking to respond to God's work in their lives.

LOVE ONE ANOTHER:
FELLOWSHIP

16%

Loving one another is a critical component to our mission and it begins within our church family through fellowship with one another. We celebrate together and God's love abounds in community.

LOVE ONE ANOTHER:
FAITH FORMATION

14%

Through small groups and Bible studies we grow closer to God and closer to one another. We learn to love one another in light of God's love for us.

LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR:
MISSION

13%

God's love for us is outward focused and drives us to be outward focused. We love our neighbor through concrete acts of mission and service. At Bethel we seek to put our love in action through feeding the hungry, providing clothing to those in need, and being a blessing to others.

LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR:
COMMUNITY PARTNER

11%

God has blessed us with a wonderful church on the corner and we seek to be in partnership with our community, particularly in welcoming community groups into our church. Additionally, through our United Methodist Connection we can do more to transform the world together than any local church can do on their own.

Our Future Plans

In 2022, our ministry plan includes the following increases:

- A 5% raise for our lay staff and a 7% raise for our pastor in recognition of their hard work during the pandemic
- Increased Connectional Apportionment giving
- A \$600/month principal payment on our mortgage in order to reduce our debt more quickly (had been budgeted but not paid during the pandemic)

However, over the past year, general fund giving has steadily declined. In order to accomplish all we have set out to do without dipping greatly into our reserves, **we need your help!** We invite you to prayerfully consider the level you can support the mission and ministry of Bethel UMC in the coming year.

