SAMPLE VALUES STATEMENTS

**Love:** We show compassion, concern and care for others because we first have been loved by Christ.

**Love:** We strive to be aware of the needs of others and to demonstrate love and compassion to all who come in contact with our youth ministry.

**Welcome:** We seek to live as a unique community of faith in which everyone feels welcome.

**Excitement:** We strive to create an environment that attracts youth and families, both members and non-members.

**Spiritually:** We base our programming on the foundation of a common faith in Jesus Christ.

**Leadership:** We affirm that all baptized believers are gifted by the Holy Spirit and called to serve within the body of Christ.

**Growth:** We endeavor to be lifelong disciples who are continually growing in our faith.

**Mission:** We express our faith in specific, tangible acts of service, particularly to those in need.

**Trust:** We affirm an atmosphere of acceptance in which the expression of honest questions and minority opinions is valued.

**God-based:** We seek to be more like Jesus, living out the fruits of the Spirit, remembering that God is the center of everything we do.

**Discipleship:** We desire to be grounded in the foundations of our faith and to communicate our faith effectively and confidently with others.

**Joy:** We live with a contagious excitement about our faith that draws others to become a part of our church family.

**Safety:** We provide trustworthy adult leaders for all youth and a welcoming environment in which youth feel safe asking questions and seeking support and guidance.

**Sacrifice:** We acknowledge that Jesus’ call to love God and neighbor can be costly and often involves giving ourselves in service.