

Summary of February 23, 2019 SUMC Facilities Vision and Planning Committee

Discussion on Important Factors to Grow Churches

- How do we need to grow?
- How do we best live out our mission of “Serving Jesus, Loving People and Living His Word”?
- What do we do to serve and how can this expand the church?

Define Facility Needs For Current and Potential Ministries

Four areas were discussed:

- **Inreach** –
 - Sunday School groups for adults, teens, youth.
 - “Welcomers” training
 - Nursery staff/coordinator
 - “Young adult” Sunday School.
 - Possible new Sunday set
 - “Handy Andy’s” (repairs & help),
 - Run errands
 - Visit shut-ins
- **Outreach** – Volunteer:
 - Youth/young adult ministries,
 - Children
 - VBS
 - Reaching out to assisted living facilities (offer Bible study, chapel, communion),
 - Hospital visits,
 - Reaching out to the military on base,
 - Training on “how to share your story” (1 minute and 3 minute),
 - Intra-ministry with other churches,
 - Prayer,
 - Panera outreach
 - Mall
- **Worship** –ideas to enhance or improve worship.
 - More seating closer to the center
 - Make sure all areas/entrances/exits are ADA compliant and accessible,
 - Change the screen displays used for words/replace AV system with monitors and broadcast the service to other church areas such as the nursery,
 - Make sure the worship service is Bible-centric,
 - Improve the sound system and location of sound equipment,
 - Have no pulpit (use a small stand instead)
 - Expand the praise team space,
 - Enhanced lighting,
 - Integrate all pieces so candles, altar, communion elements, etc. are “intentional”
 - Have a strong and well trained usher team
 - Make sure we have adequate storage for equipment and elements
 - Revamp the HVAC system for optimal comfort
 - Improve technology
 - Have the prayer team “model” going to the altar to pray
 - Have more youth-led services.
- **Community Services** –
 - Having a “resource room” area that combines services for food/clothing/shelter,
 - Being a resource to refer people to other services,
 - Offer bus tokens to help people get to other services,
 - Find ways to minimize disruptive people at church services and still be friendly and welcoming,
 - Strengthen and support leadership,
 - Support AA and NA groups.

Homework and What's Next

Harry Gilger gave a short presentation on their homework assignment of visiting other churches.

Next meeting: Brett Hall then led a discussion of what our next meeting would look like. This meeting will take place after the UMC conference in St. Louis. It was decided that the bulk of our next meeting will be spent discussing the results of the conference and what it means for our congregation and the future of our building and property.

Our next meeting will be March 2nd at 9am in room 104.