

Our Vision

**We are a community of people, who are living beyond ourselves,
honoring God in all that we do, in all of life...**

Our Mission

Gather with others...Grow in faith...Go out in service...

- Offering an inviting and welcoming presence in our neighborhood and surrounding community...
- Presenting the life-changing message of Jesus Christ with truth and grace, inviting seekers to follow Him...
- Providing significant and expanding opportunities for children, students and adults to grow in their individual faith through worshipping together, connecting with one another in love and friendship, and being in service to others . . .
- Going out into the marketplace as active Christ-followers equipped to engage our culture and change our world...

Our Core Values

- **God-honoring**—we honor God through our actions, attitudes and behaviors
- **Christ-following**—we follow the example and teaching of Jesus
- **Spirit-empowered**—we believe the Spirit of God guides our daily living
- **Scripturally-based**—we believe the Bible clearly presents the truth about life principles and faith-filled living
- **Church responsibility/cultural influence**—we believe Jesus founded the church to proactively continue His teaching and bring hope to the world
- **Prayer**—we believe a prayer-filled life is a God-led life
- **God's will**—we believe the discovery of God's will comes through the prayer filled counsel of many
- **Community Centered**—we believe God has called us to flow out into our community with His love.
- **Acceptance of all persons**—we accept all persons and encourage all persons to live a healthy life following the example of Jesus
- **Compassion for others**—we walk along side persons struggling with life issues
- **Transforming life experiences**—we believe all persons can experience life transformation through Jesus Christ
- **Serving people**—we are servants to others through simple acts of kindness
- **Leadership**—our leaders are servants are prayerfully following the example of Jesus with the guidance of the Holy Spirit
- **Ministry**—we believe all Christ followers are uniquely gifted for ministry to others
- **Accountability**—we believe in accountability to Christ and one another
- **Group Life**—we believe spiritual growth is fostered by sharing our lives with others in community, building loving friendships. We believe people should meet a sense of Christian community wherever they go throughout our church.

Overall Summary—to bring people to Christ through the ministries of Trinity United Methodist Church

Strategy

The following strategies are directly aligned with our vision, mission and core values.

1. **Development of one innovative and creative worship service to take place on Sunday morning.** We believe God is ready to infuse a new and fresh spirit into our worship experience. The primary focus is to create an experience for people that “flows” and will facilitate their “connection” with God. Elements of the service would include a variety of music, drama, creative arts, new media and lighting capabilities. Additionally, the vision is to have volunteer working teams who create the ambiance, staging and set design for each sermon series (6-8 per year).
2. **Restructuring of staff and our approach to ministry in order to become aligned with our Mission of “Gather, Grow & Go.”** This strategy will help us become more effective, efficient and focused and will be dependent upon a significant increase in lay involvement.
3. **Integration of our mortgage payment into the general church budget.**

New teams will be formed to develop the tactics and implementation plans—all under girded with Prayer led by the Prayer Team

1. Gather area

- a. Worship team—design and implement one innovative worship experience
- b. Marketing team—advertising, web site, branding, logo—keeping our community (internal and external) informed of the happenings at Trinity.
- c. Sanctuary upgrades—what is necessary to accommodate an innovative worship experience and within our financial capabilities

2. Grow area

- a. Discipleship—Infuse a new spirit into our Bible Studies, topical studies, Wednesday night life, small groups and highlight the fact that we believe every person should become a part of a small group.
- b. Hospitality/assimilation—Every new person who enters will feel the excitement and fresh spirit of who we are as a church as they are welcomed into our facility. Every Trinity regular will be encouraged to become a “host” of sorts...just like we welcome someone into our home. This area would develop numerous teams of persons who perform outflow service to welcome, greet, usher, follow-up with visitors, becomes friends with new folks, give tours, make follow up calls, invite into small groups, classes, dinners, events...all to help the assimilation of new people

3. Go area

- a. Outflow—Living out our faith in the community...every aspect of life in Christ at Trinity calls us to “live beyond ourselves” as we seek to serve others. Outflow should permeate every facet of our vision and mission—Gather, Grow and Go.

Current administrative team responsibilities

1. **SPRT**—Staff and programmatic alignment
2. **Finance**—Budgetary considerations
3. **Trustees**—Sanctuary upgrade considerations
4. **Church Board**—continued development and oversight of teams and provide updates for the congregation.

While this plan and approach may appear new, we believe it is not. For many years we have talked about ways in which to implement growth in our church. The time has come for us to gather together with one mind, one spirit, and one body to pray for and believe that God is ready and willing to pour out a fresh touch of His Holy Spirit...to empower those who believe, to encourage those who are broken and to redeem those who are lost.

The economy has had a major impact upon our surrounding community, a new normal is being defined in our world and we believe God is calling us to become more pro-active in our ever changing society. The basic element of our DNA, who we are as a church is to reach people for Christ and expand God's Kingdom. The answer to this question (how to reach people and grow) and the fulfillment of what we believe to be our God given vision and mission is to step out boldly, create an arena in which people who do not know Christ can hear the Gospel promises. Those of us who are Christ followers are already in the fold and the Scripture calls for us to make adjustments in our deliver of the message to reach others...following the pattern of Jesus and as well as John Wesley from our Methodist heritage.

Through our pro-active approach it is imperative that those who are members and regular attenders at Trinity have numerous opportunities to continue to grow in their faith...because, in order to "feed" those who are spiritually starving, we must be fed ourselves. While the delivery system for these opportunities may vary and even look a little different than what we have experienced in the past, we will become better equipped to reach out to our surrounding community. The intent of our vision, mission and core values, is to bring new people from our community to our parking lot, and then into our pews to experience relevant engagement that brings them to full participation in a life in Christ and with the church...in short, from the community, to the parking lot, to the pew, to participation.

This is an exciting time in the life of our church, may we all pray to God for a "fresh start" through the power of his Holy Spirit. Together, as one body in Christ, with one heart, mind and spirit, God is calling us to a renewed spirit to reach people for His Kingdom. Let's do this together, we covet your prayers and humbly request your full participation and support as we continue to fulfill God's call upon our church. We will all have many questions along the way and forum's will be created through which people may pose questions as well as sign up to be a part of the various teams to develop the [tactics](#) to bring about full [implementation](#) of the developed strategies that flow directly from our vision, mission and core values.