

The three Rs

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God – what is good and acceptable and perfect. (Romans 12:2)

Work has begun on our Ministry Initiatives! In late January and early February, task teams met to begin the process of Appreciative Inquiry, identifying what we do well in each ministry area.

A guiding principle for our process is Paul's teaching to the Romans to discern the will of God. In all aspects, we seek transformation as we respond to how God is leading us in this time; not simply conforming and copying what others are doing, or even what we have done in the past, but seeking God's guidance as we build on the strengths and values with which we are blessed.

One fascinating outcome of our separate gatherings was a common thread running through the strengths identified in each ministry area. All three teams named or implied relationship as a key value in what we do well. In other words, it is important for us to be together, to interact and engage with one another as we go about the various ministries to which we are called.

To the right is a more complete listing of the items developed in the Appreciative Inquiry process, as well as the members of each task team. Feel free to share your ideas and comments with any of these persons, particularly with Pastor Dave, Rozenna, and Brandon.

Please pray for God's leading in this process so that we may truly seek the will of God and the mind of Christ in all that we do together.

REACH our Children - facilitator Rozenna Hartman
Goal: Promote spiritual nurture and development of families with children and youth.

Carrie Brenton, Jan Croasmun, Eric & Erin Fourhman, Lisa Konopinski, Cindy & Tony Miller, Kathy Miller, Katie Ort, Beth Osborne, Christine Shaffer, Kelly Shaub

What do we do well to REACH our Children?

- opportunity to be part of our music program
- events that include activities for families
- committed and enthusiastic leaders
- special events for children and youth
- Sunday school teachers and others who are caring and nurturing to our children and youth
- attention to those with special needs: we care, include, and involve

RESOURCE our Ministry - facilitator Pastor Dave
Goal: Discover and develop resources to support the ministry of the congregation.

Reg Baugher, Paul Boldosser, Randy Brant, Brian Challenger, Susan Feltch, Brett Hoffacker, Karl Lehman, Dawn & Matt Muir, Skip Wah

What do we do well to RESOURCE Our Ministry?

- greeting and engaging new people
- activities to help us know one another better
- care, concern, and support through prayer, contact, and doing for one another
- faithful response to identified needs
- participation in service activities
- support of affiliated organizations

RENEW our Spirit - facilitator Brandon Grady
Goal: Spark and revive spiritual vitality to deepen relationships with God and one another.

Karen Alwine, Pat Challenger, Linda Covalt, Jill Hoffacker, Sandie Keller, Sharon Myers, Audrey Shisler, Cale Stickles, Mary Wunderlich

What do we do well to RENEW Our Spirit?

- music: vocal and bell choirs, special music, scripture based songs, volunteer musicians
- encouragement card ministry
- commitment to prayer
- welcoming and hospitable
- giving: gifts of the heart, angel tree, etc.
- visiting and reaching out to one another
- disability outreach