
CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Major trends envisioned in our church in the next five years:

Growth in membership and participation
Increasingly active youth group(s)
More ecumenical activities
More community service/outreach activities

Planning:

The way planning is done in our church might be characterized as follows:

The Church Council, comprised of the Chairperson or designee from each of the major church committees, coordinates all planning activities.

We would look to our new pastor to serve as an advisor and facilitator; to perhaps offer different perspectives; and to provide spiritual guidance.

Reflections on Congregational life

Comments about the items listed below are what we believe to be opinions about them most generally held by members of our congregation.

The three most important events in the history of our church and the year:

EVENT	YEAR
Established first Sunday School in our country	1736
Re-construction of the church steeple. Fundraising for the project involved every state in the United States as well as Canada, England, and Puerto Rico	1925
250TH Anniversary celebration	1983

The most challenging event in the life of the church in the last three years was the loss of our previous pastor. It has forced us to re-examine our goals, priorities, and resources.

During the next three years the church intends to accomplish the following:

Renew, reinforce, and recommit to greater focus on spirituality
Increase stewardship activities and involvement
Provide more youth activities and opportunities

The church expects the person we are seeking to help us reach these goals through:

Visitations
Inspirational sermons and worship services
Leadership and help

The theological/faith stance of our church is most accurately described by two statements:

We tend to be theologically moderate.
We tend to be quite diverse theologically.