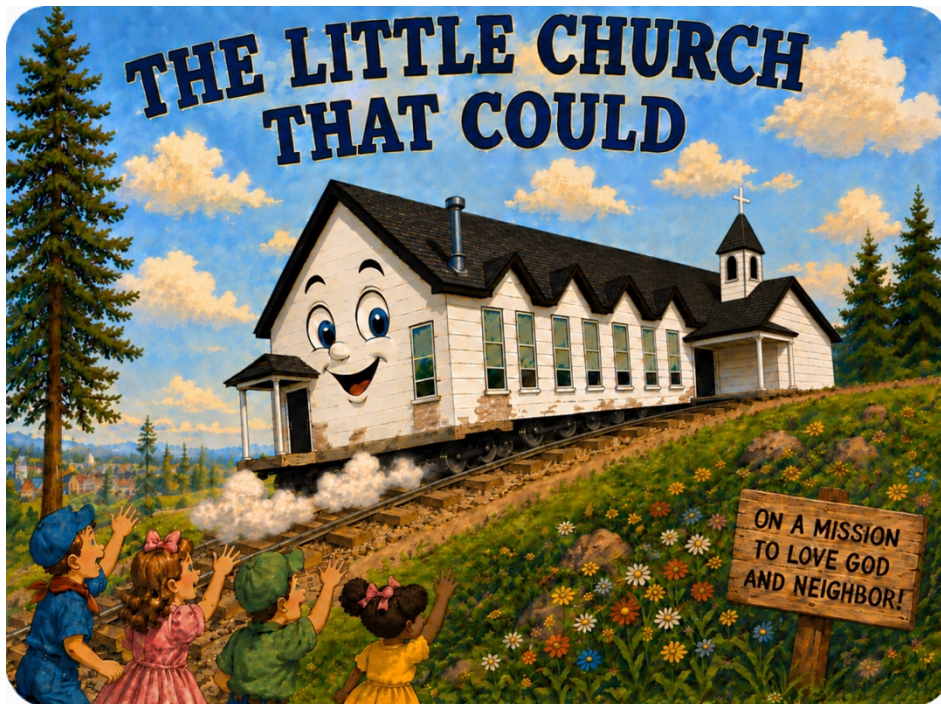


Deer Park UMC

2026 Congregation Survey



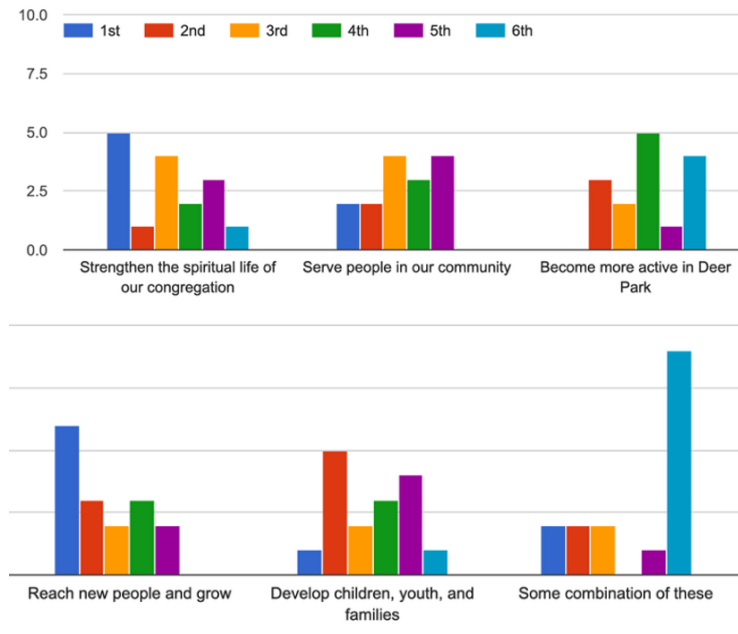
These are the results of the Deer Park UMC survey conducted in August, 2026. They were discussed at the Church Administrative Council Study Session on September 12, 2026. The purpose in doing so was/is to identify what the church can do to address the needs of its congregants and more importantly, how it can assist them with spiritual growth and connecting with God.

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DPUMC Survey Results – Raw Data

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1. Please rank what you would like to see Deer Park UMC focus on over the next three years.

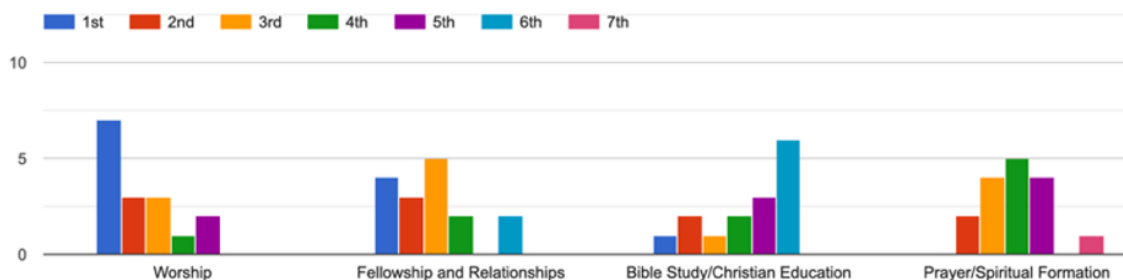


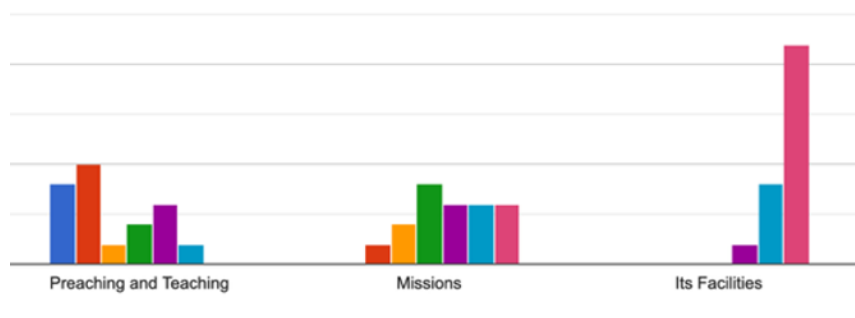
Is there something that is not listed in question #1 that you think should have been included and what number would you have ranked it?

There were 6 responses -

- More homework assignments (3)
- We need air conditioning. The sanctuary gets too hot!
- Women's Bible study
- none
- Outreach
- They are all worthy of pursuit.

2. What do you value about Deer Park UMC today?



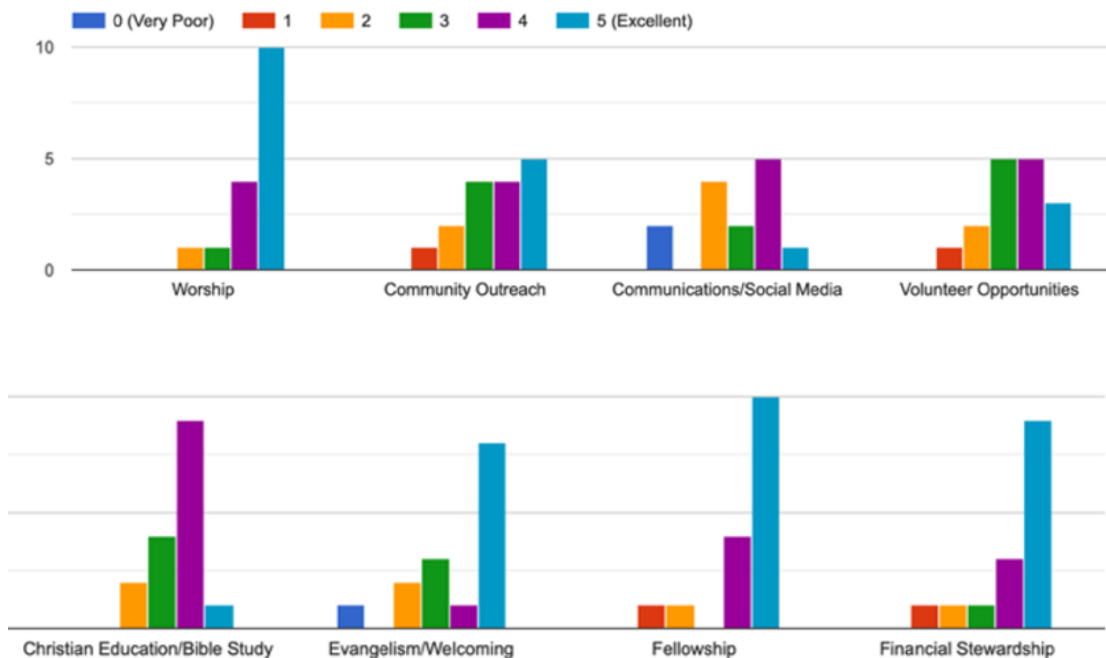


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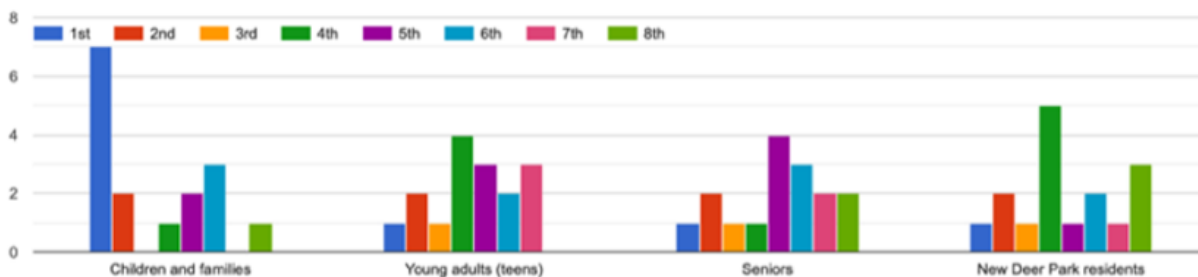
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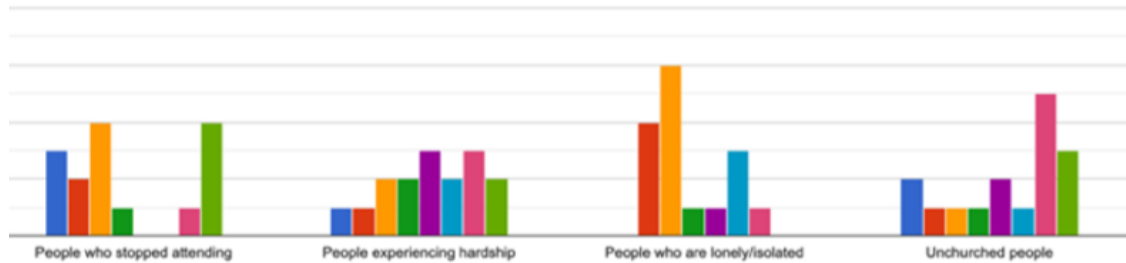
- none
- Again, they are all worthy of attention.

3. How well does Deer Park UMC do for each of the following?



4. What groups should we make a greater effort to reach?





Is there something that is not listed in question #4 that you think should have been included and what value would you have ranked it?

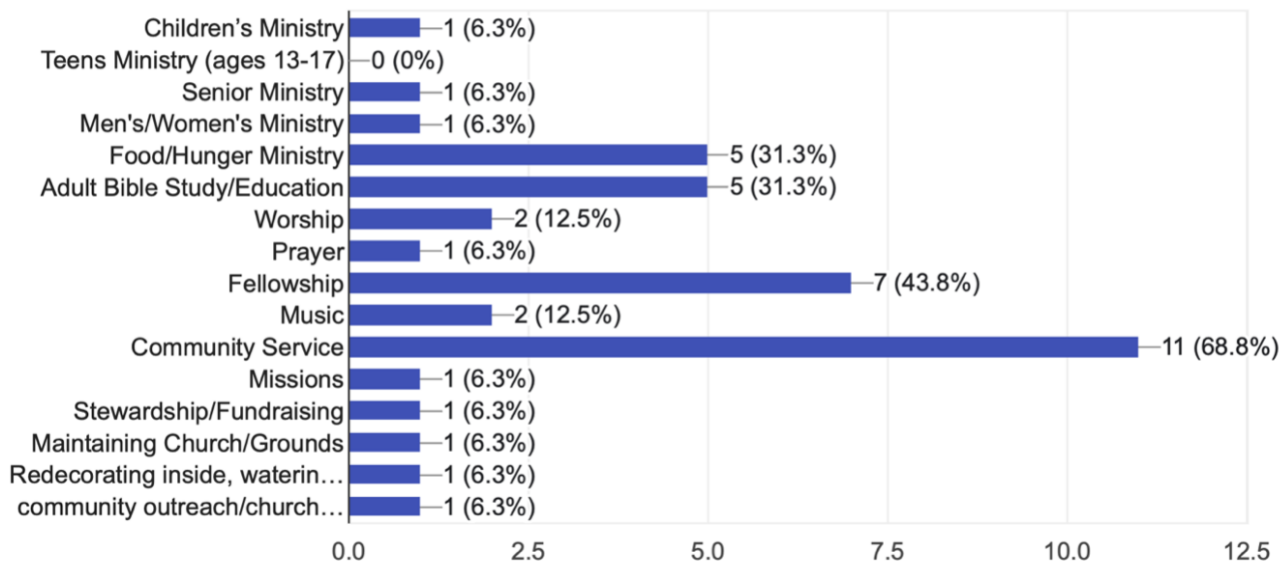
There were 5 responses -

- Businesses
- Following up with visitors or new people, and people who stopped attending
- none
- Singles- sometimes it's uncomfortable for people to come alone- something in a friendship way.
- These are tough - they should all be #1.

5. Of these categories, what would you be interested in participating in or supporting?

Select up to three.

There were 16 responses.



6. What is the single greatest opportunity for Deer Park UMC over the next three years?

There were 15 responses -

- Community outreach
- Build up the congregation

- Growth in the area
- Marketing ourselves to the community
- Getting nursery updated and cleaned out so that young families feel valued and welcome.
- Create child and family ministry to bring in more life
- Gaining new church members
- Growth
- Congregation faith growth & numbers growth
- Growth
- Community service
- Support of the Mary Walker School District and the difference we are making there.
- Get our name out by showing up. Take the fires for instance- so many people approached me asking if “that’s the church we were going to that was helping displaced people” and they’ll remember that.
- Making new disciples of Christ to transform the world.
- N/A

7. What is the single greatest challenge or threat facing our church over the next three years?

There were 14 responses -

- Dwindling attendance
- People stop coming
- Not attracting new people
- Attrition
- Lack of growth and aging facility issues
- attrition
- Attendance
- decreasing numbers
- Size of congregation
- Maintaining membership
- Decline in membership
- I hope & pray Dave wants to stay and I know it works now for him to be part time, hope that continues. I don't know the church finances.
- Staying true to the Word and its discernment; 2) Recruiting new members; 3) Maintaining financial health.
- N/A

8. If resources were available, what ONE new ministry, program, or improvement would you like to see most?

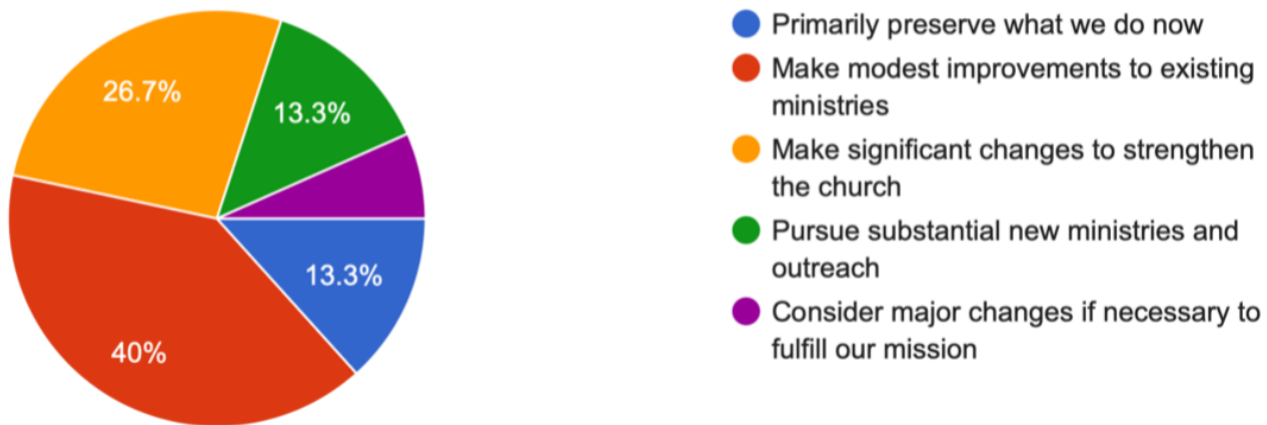
There were 15 responses -

- More contact with shut-in members
- Set up a family room. Plant flowers on the corner. Put white lights in the big tree year-round. Hopefully there is a light in the new steeple. Maybe a simple swing set and picnic table out front. Or a bench by the entrance. Something that says, come and relax or play here. Make it feel like home.
- Combine some activities with another church(es) to increase visibility/outreach
- Children's ministry
- Nursery/children
- Child and Family ministries
- Letting the public know more about the church, its missions and activities
- Women’s Bible study
- Focus on marriage or finance-reach potential new members vs alternative bar option for young adults

- Outreach expanded
- Checking on missing members
- Youth/Children's Ministry
- I went to the music in the park and Calvary chapel was giving out free hot dogs and water. I remembered the church because the people were so nice and I thought i'd like to try that church. We happened to try DPUM first, but they were next 😊 Simple outreach but I thought very effective. We could try some events. Pumpkin lane is good, maybe I ❤️ Deer Park but Best would be something new & different.
- A children's summer bible camp.
- N/A

9. How would you describe your desired level of change for Deer Park UMC over the next three years?

There were 15 responses -



For your answer to Question 9, please explain why you chose that answer.

There were 13 responses -

- I think we need to attract new members
- We're doing pretty good, just need to continue to brighten up the atmosphere. More color outside, freshen up inside. The sermons are excellent!!
- We have a passionate staff with a focus on "All are welcome"
- I like what we're doing. We just need a children's ministry to attract and keep young families. Also, we need to market ourselves.
- Emphasis on young families (the future church)
- A lot of things need to change if the church wants to maintain and grow membership and continue to be relevant in the community
- Being careful to not make changes that would bother existing members
- Start where we are, make small changes to test/trial. We don't have large enough numbers to sustain large scale changes
- To get more young families and bring in more young adults. Future in is the young
- Not into change just strengthen and expand what we have.

- I think we do a great job at what we are currently doing, likely not a large enough group to do much else.
- Go with the flow. God is in charge - we can do things to be seen/ advertise, tell people we know about the church and welcome anyone who comes- i hope we don't get too worried about numbers, or age groups- sometimes we don't have to look like every church.
- We have to figure out a way to reach out to members who do not attend or are physically unable. We have to bring in new members so they can share their gifts with others, to further connect them with God.

10. Imagine it is three years from now. What would make you say, "Deer Park UMC has had a very successful three years"?

There were 15 responses –

- Attendance and membership have increased
- We brought new life to the building and community. We pumped it up quite a bit. Small changes made a huge difference.
- Attract/retain younger members
- Vibrant ministry for all ages. Full and happy sanctuary!
- New believers and young families involved
- Ongoing growth and development of ministries for the next generation
- A substantial gain in new members including children, adults and families
- Youth programs
- Bottom line growth in numbers attending
- Larger congregation
- We are still here!
- The continuation of the support @ Mary Walker & a larger congregation.
- If we're still open and the people coming have learned some things and feel closer to God. 🙌 Would like a bigger crowd but not required.
- We fulfill our objectives, our goals are in alignment with those of the larger UMC organization, while ensuring accuracy in the discernment of God's Word.
- N/A

11. How did you originally find out about Deer Park UMC? 15 responses

