

Envisioning Our Future: Building Trinity's Roadmap

Dear Trinity Family,

I wanted to share an update on our strategic planning journey, **Envisioning Our Future: Building Trinity's Roadmap**.

Since early January, our committee has been meeting diligently twice each month, with the goal to thoughtfully discern where God is leading Trinity. We began with a season of listening and learning—gathering information to better understand who we are today and how we are positioned for tomorrow. Our research spans across many vital topics to better understand the current environment and performance of our church.

What We've Been Examining: To gain a full picture of Trinity's current environment, we reviewed and discussed:

- Our current and historical financial results
- Trinity's stage in the Church Lifecycle
- Attendance trends—both at Trinity and nationwide
- Our building and facility maintenance needs
- Demographics and health of our surrounding community
- How neighboring churches are known in the community
- What makes Trinity Church unique

Listening to Our Congregation: Because your voice matters deeply, we embarked on a series of listening sessions with the many small groups at Trinity. During these conversations, we asked questions designed to better understand:

- Who we are as a church
- What is most important to you
- What is working well
- Where there may be opportunities to grow

We value your insights and are grateful for your honesty, encouragement, and thoughtful feedback.

Early Areas of Opportunity: While our process is still ongoing, we have already identified several areas where we can take positive steps forward:

- **Greater transparency and communication** through regular updates such as recent Window reports from Finance and Trustees
- **Making our Mission and Vision more visible** in our communications and surroundings
- **Deepening our understanding of our Methodist roots** through the launch of a Methodism 101 class
- **Refining our Sunday morning experience** by thoughtfully making adjustments to our services and scheduling to allow more time for fellowship and connection

between both services and Sunday School. With careful listening and nuanced modifications, we are hopeful that Sunday mornings will become even more efficient, impactful, and spiritually enriching for everyone!

Looking Ahead to the Next Phase: As we continue forward, we will begin identifying our **strategic pillars** and developing key initiatives that will shape our action plan.

An important part of this next phase is understanding the talents within our congregation. To that end, we plan to launch a **Spiritual Gifts Inventory** for our entire congregation. Stay tuned for details – we will encourage everyone to participate in this process! This will help each of us better understand how God has gifted each of us—and how, together, we can grow as actively engaged disciples of Jesus Christ. We are excited about the learning, connection, and renewed sense of purpose this can bring to Trinity!

Prayerful Consideration: Please continue to keep our Staff, Lay Leadership, Pastors, in your prayers during this season of transition and discernment. We also invite you to prayerfully consider how God is calling you—and how God is calling Trinity—to faithfully and lovingly live out His mission in our community.

Your questions, ideas, and feedback are always welcome. Please continue to reach out to me or any of our committee members as we continue together on this journey to build Trinity's roadmap!

Blessings in Christ,

Chair

Strategic Planning Committee Members:

[List of Committee Members]

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Our Mission

“The mission of the Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.”

Our Vision

“The United Methodist Church forms disciples of Jesus Christ who, empowered by the Holy Spirit, love boldly, serve joyfully, and lead courageously in local communities and worldwide connections.”