

Attendees

Aimee Ahearn	Carolina Ahearn	Betty Awalt	Rodney Awalt
Toby Bishop	Glenn Boies	Laura Boies	Charles Bottieri
Bev Brazeal	John Cimoichowski	Suzanne Cimoichowski	Gretchen D'Andrea
Carl Davis	Lynn Davis	Marylou Davis	Kevin Downer
Donna Dufresne	Jennifer Duggan	Tom Duggan	Bob Kirk
Debby Kirk	Jan Lamarre	Rick Lamarre	Bruce Lyman
Sam Lyman	Christian Manuilow	Susan McKechnie	Bruce Mikolajczak
Bill Moylan	Ginny Moylan	Jeff Perkins	Charlene Swanson
Holly Ware	Paula Wilmot	Steve Wilmot	Dave Worden

Part I - Our Church in 5 – 7 years?

- a. Dwindling numbers; people aging and moving
- b. Why do people come? Community, Comfort, Strength, Happiness
- c. What are strengths? Grandmother tree image (shelter from rain with a lot more life to give)
- d. What are opportunities for children/ families? Music/Drama
- e. Building: serve people as a library, office space, theater, community center, Congregant Living facility, etc.
- f. Many paths: pick one and started moving along path, birds singing, stepped in puddle, got lost, silver lining ended up find self on other path after all
- g. Positive, spiritual energy in the building; we have creative talent, have creative opportunity
- h. Compromise and coming together in community; opportunity of other people in Woodstock – not just families with children
- i. Outreach to people in the Community
- j. Not all gloom and doom: advertise/Share who we are and what we do. Ways to repurpose/Utilize facility
- k. Look at span of history and remain hopeful; Feel positive energy about church; we were in thin places in the past and church still has life
- l. We are blessed community of friends in Christ
- m. Grief and suffering – hold space
- n. Justice, kindness, walk humbly
- o. Building: great location, variety of spaces
- p. Become more of a community center; programs of the church and positive interactions that people get when they meet someone from the congregation
- q. Ministry of presence – Caring ministry; be present in the moments of life – we are good at that
- r. Image of church: Live loud – express what is happening inside outside
- s. Church without doors

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- t. Doors blown open, e.g., worship on the lawn
- u. Arms of compassion; arms reaching out, e.g., community kitchen, loneliness
- v. Trees
- w. Hands interconnected and taking each other's hand (as in recent labyrinth exercise) and extending out into community: hand in hand – helping one another
- x. Let go of what was/past and trust; we are still awesome
- y. God multiplies what we do, example/inspiration Indian Trail – image of Thomas Hooker guided by natives leading settlers on way to Hartford
- z. People have been faithful
- aa. Limited resources, assets, and energy; use efficiently and wisely
- bb. Joining hands with others (including other congregations)
- cc. Building use – free will offering
- dd. Peace will abide us. Love will guide us (Sally Rogers lyric)
- ee. History matters; Stewards of history and building
- ff. We matter to Community – our message of inclusion
- gg. Church helps us to grow, nudges us forward
- hh. World is yearning for Christ, something new is being born (Charles Kochenbroch)
- ii. Hub of intentional ministries; a resource
- jj. Children's ministries
- kk. Happiness and joy of new beginning
- ll. Feeling of love and caring in our community
- mm. Two Pictures: Do what we are doing; or Be joyful on different path
- nn. Equip and inspire people to go our into community; we get inspiration to do that form church
- oo. People = church; church not = building; church = community

Part II - What are we doing in 2030? What got us there

- a. ?? (Kathy Packard)
- b. ?? (Jennifer Duggan)
- c. Community Foundation (Susan McKechnie)
- d. Feeding the Soul (Christina Manuilow)

Images/Vision referred to in comments

1. Grandmother Tree
2. The Building;
3. Paths; many, joyful
4. Energy; positive, spiritual, creative
5. Community of Friends in Christ
6. Center/hub/foundation of community
7. Ministry of Presence, holding space
8. Live Loud!
9. Blown open/removed Doors
10. Arms/hands open and interconnected
11. Pioneers (Indian trail)
12. Peace abide, love guide
13. Stewards of history and building
14. Equip and Inspire
15. Foundation
16. Feed Soul