

Possible ReShape Pathways for SMUMC

Connecting with God through Reimagined Worship

Worship Fundamentals – keep improving on what we are doing

- Continue offering two styles of worship services (traditional and contemporary)
- Seek opportunities for special worship gatherings and worship experiences (guests)

Music Ministry – building on this key part of the worship experience, something we do well!

- Continue pursuit of excellence, including finding more special music opportunities, including “blending” different music genres in both styles of worship and “guests”

Developing Excellent Hybrid (In-Person and On-line) Worship – a work in progress

- Determine the Best platform for streaming
- Creativity in developing worship elements that are engaging in hybrid setting
- Consider the technology and personnel needs to support two worship spaces

Connecting with God through Spiritual Growth *(Sunday School, small groups, worship)*

- Opportunities for church-wide studies
- Keep “curriculum” current and fresh – new classes, new studies
- Christian perspectives on social issues

Connecting with Each Other

Communication

- Redesign of newsletter to highlight more effectively our key messages
- Using more technology (texting, video announcements, social media)
- Continue updates/educate on church activities; include organizational structure

Disciple Care

- (Re)Connecting with those who are not participating in the life of our church
- Being Intentional about visiting homebound persons and making hospital visits
- Building on the care-giving efforts of pastoral staff

Continued emphasis on providing fellowship opportunities for all disciples and groups

Connecting with the Community

Communication as Evangelism – helping the community know our love

- “Telling our story in the larger community, so that others might come alongside us to pursue God’s mission together” – social media opportunities

Mission Engagement – showing our love to the community

- Leverage our efforts by working with existing community aid groups
- Explore new opportunities to share our facilities with outside groups

Anticipating / Facilitating Growth

Children / Youth / Young Adults

- Staffing transition creates new possibilities
- Realization that this is a longer-term, church-wide priority that everyone in the church must commit to – providing education in what needs to be done, and in following through

Sunday School / Small Groups

- Provide groups with resources for in-person and online interaction as needed
- Different scheduling and time options relative to other weekly activities

Leadership Development and Succession Planning

Education and Preparation for General Conference

Issues Still Seeking Consensus

CDC - keep, end, or reimagine?

Wednesday night – keep, end, or reimagine?

Sunday Morning Worship / Sunday School Schedule

Church organizational structure, decision-making process, and accountability – is there a problem, or will more education in these areas be enough?

Identity and Calling -- Who are we as a church and what is God calling us uniquely to do?