

## ReShape meeting #5

Adaptive and helpful moves our church made:

Recorded and live stream worship – 8 groups

Pastors on the steps

Mission donation Wednesdays – 6 groups

Tornado task force- cleanup, feeding workers- 11 groups

People did well to love each other, checking on others- 4 groups

People adopted guide lines for safety-masks, alternate pews, offering basket, pickleball outside- 7 groups

Music ministry adapted, choir in small groups, gospel choir rehearsing outside- 4 groups

Alternating styles of worship week to week- 3 groups

Paying off our mortgage- 4 groups

Zoom small group meetings – 7 groups

On line giving – 4 groups

Recording church announcements and events-2 groups

45 minute worship service – 2 groups

Tree replacement program- 2 groups

Outside Easter service – 2 groups

Outreach to , Ann Hope, and Patsy- 5 groups

Destiny church-2 groups

Interns- 2 groups

Staff worked from home- 3 groups

Crinkle cups for communion- 3 groups

Drive-by birthday wishes for 90's celebrants- 1 group

Marvin's kids made adjustments – 1 group

Confronted with racism-1 group

What does this say about our Church?

Our number one answer is THAT WE ARE ADAPTABLE- 10 groups

We want to help the community around us, we have an amazing group of volunteers- 6 groups

We have “deep pockets” when needed and we value our financial giving- 5groups

We have a solid core of committed disciples, we cared about the safety and health of our church family

Things will work out because we trust in God

We are cautious about the ReShape program, many elderly members resistant to change

We are a church who needs connection, bring back the coffee time in the Atrium

We received mixed signals- masks were required during service, but handshakes and hugs OK?

Our church responded quickly to make changes needed in worship services

Outdated perceptions:

That we will go back to the way we were because we are set in our ways- 6 groups

That we cannot be a church because we are not doing church “as usual”-5 groups

That we may be limited financially, members would stop giving-2 groups  
Not everyone will return to church once the pandemic is controlled -2 groups  
The church leadership doesn't listen to us  
Worship must be in person to be meaningful  
Fellowship, bible study, circles would decline  
The work of the church will not continue if everyone is not in the office "at the desk"  
On-line services are streamed to members only  
We do not do enough inter-generational  
That we were "tapped out" because of time, talent, resources that are available-2 groups

#### Updated Perceptions

We are adaptable, we can persevere- 6 groups  
Commitment of disciples-4 groups  
We are a church that has a major presence in the lives of our disciples and community-4 groups  
We are able to hire and continue to build a strong staff- 2 groups  
We have resources to share if the need arises- 2 groups  
Our church can be accepting of everyone  
We have a new appreciation of Todd and Shawna's leadership

I am learning that our church is:

We are adaptable, we can persevere, we are alive- 6 groups

Still a solid core of disciples, a solid staff – 2 groups

Responsive to the needs of our community, willingness to share and serve-3 groups

Gaining a new importance of having children in our church

Uncertain about our church and denomination, should be inclusive of all people

True to our values of mission work -2 groups

Welcome new ideas, even if slow- 2 groups

Creative when the need arises