

	total # groups making this/similar comment
CONTINUE BUCKET	
WORSHIP	
Continue to Live Stream Worship	10
use FB live and other options that are more accessible; need better close ups	
improvement in the viewing experience and use of videos etc.	
would like to know # from congregation and # not from our church	1
improve technology/streaming for Celebration service live. It has been exciting and intimidating when initiated.	1
improve it	5
reaching persons by live stream and recorded worship	2
The ability to hear the sermon when you're not there in person	1
However, there are often technical difficulties which make the service unavailable to view during "real time". Maybe try something other than vimeo? I'm sure a lot of time and effort was put in to the decision to use Vimeo. I watch other services on YouTube and don't have any problems. It's easy to search for services. It is possible we may be able to reach more people that just our congregation through a video program that reaches more people in a format more people are familiar with.	1
Please note that visitors searching for our "live services" can't access them during the service. Very frustrating.	1
round tables with activities for the kids in worship	1
Two services	4
In person worship	2
45-minute worship services	2
Announcements in Videos - continue exploring new ways to use video/media to capture the spirit of the church and the outreach of the congregation.	2
More use of screens, less of bulletins	3
Continue to refine Celebrate. Music is the heart of a Contemporary Service. First and last songs should be up-tempo, toe-tapping, singable songs, that are a little more current. There is little life/joy in that Service.....Songs should not be dirges. Service sounds like a funeral....Music should focus on congregation participation not band performance.	1
Excellence in the music ministry, including instrumentalists, orchestra	6

Live Gathering Music for 10-15 minutes	1
Look for opportunities to blend praise music in traditional worship services – Gospel Choir	1
Greeters, worship guides	1
Morning prayer	1
Offering baskets in lieu of passing plates	2
Communion options: from pews, coming forward with pastors using gloves or tongs	1
Prayer time in the Celebrate Service	1
Reading the Gospel in the services	1
Singing Benediction (traditional)	1
Continue to gather on the lawn once in a while for special occasions.	1
Environmental Sunday in April	1
Celebrate Service	
have more cohesive band, doesn't necessarily seem to flow together. Whether this would be to pay some singers or other band members to make more cohesive.	1
the new format	1
The times of the services as they currently are	1
Hand sanitizing stations. Especially when/after pandemic ends and especially flu season	2
Masking and social distancing- If someone has cold, cough, runny nose ,sneezing for any reason, but especially during flu season.	1
More safety and more healthy awareness, which turned out better than expected for the good of all.	1
Bring back:	1
Bring back passing the offering plates with blessing at the altar. Please just add a blessing for the offering to each service. (Visitors looked for basket but was gone in Celebrate service)	1
Bring back Communion with prayer bench and blessing. Can be done in a safe way.	1
Bring back more “traditional order of worship” in Traditional worship using lay readers, more responsive readings, Lord’s Prayer, Doxology, psalter, Apostles’ Creed, Gloria Patri.	1
Bring back more songs, liturgy and creativity in Celebrate service.	1
DISCIPLE DEVELOPMENT	
“Kids with sticks”	1
All SS Classes	4
Bible studies: in person and ZOOM option during the meeting for those who cannot come	3

Children/youth ministries under new leadership but look at different times of meetings	1
Continue to promote and expand the Sunday School for all ages.	3
Discipleship is our core, including being good disciples & making other disciples	1
Elderberries	3
Gospel choir	2
New approaches to the library	1
On-line Bible Study	2
Small group experiences	1
Support of Sunday School participation. At times it seems many things are scheduled which compete with SS participation.	1
Sunday school between the two services	1
Youth choir	3
Youth mission trips	1
Youth Prayer Partners (infancy)	1
Zoom for groups	4
even if you're out of town you can be in meetings	1
not have to drive to Seneca. While hybrid isn't ideal it's very helpful to have the option to zoom when you work all day.	1
In person meetings	1
Provide wide variety of church activities for all ages.	1
Small groups for music	1
Socialization on Sundays in the Narthex & Atrium	2
Saint Mark does a good job in providing ministry to retired/older adults.	2
We like the adaptations that have been instituted.	1
We like the old stuff too since we did not have much in our stop list.	1
We want to be together either in person or on line.	4
Continue to value children. Continue to plan inter generational activities (also something to explore...how to do this untraditionally...ex: replacing a youth choir tour with an inter generational trip to explore different cultures and serve different communities)	1
Support of Sunday School participation. At times it seems many things are scheduled which compete with SS participation.	1
DISCIPLE CARE	
Church communications	1
Weekly Pastor videos for communication	1
Church directory, Ministry guidebook	1
Continue safe health practices/protocols – but not too rigid to lose contact.	1

Hospital/hospice/shut-in visitation	2
Visitations for new members, sick and elderly	1
Bring back a deeper connection of taking care of our own. (Care teams to connect with elderly, etc.)	1
Fun Activities like Elderberries and Pickleball	1
Our church does a wonderful job of keeping the congregation informed through the Heart Beat. I appreciate all the hard work that goes into providing that each week.	1
Partner Projects with other churches ..especially UMC (Clemson and Ann Hope)	2
phone calls/cards to homebound members	1
Weekly email newsletter	1
SERVE OUR NEIGHBORS	
Outreach ministries	5
with continued openness to new ideas	1
Marvin's Kids, Anne Hope feeding, Rise Against Hunger, etc	2
local missions are so important but we need more members to engage and to get the youth more involved (youth involvement should NOT be separate)	1
Develop 5-year plans, including succession planning	1
Continue sharing our facilities with "outside" groups and organizations.	1
Donation Wednesdays – valuable way to help others (could be a signature ministry of Saint Mark)	5
Focus on local communities like the tornado assistance.	1
Ministries, especially Music for all ages, Seasonal devotional events, Quilting, Elderberries, Marvin's Kids, specific "circles", mission auctions & projects, prayer groups, many others	1
More work with UMCOR after seeing them here – having people from Saint Mark trained and/or finding other ways to support them rather than just donating after a disaster	1
Partner Saint Mark disciples with persons in the community who are in need (Like Faith and Action kind of adopting Robert and Nick Price. The Tornado task force did something like this). Don't want to duplicate a service already being provided in community.	2
Potato Drop	1
Rise Against Hunger	1

The two-three weeks after the tornado we took meals to Saint Mark members without power (the meals being made at Clemson UMC by Saint Mark members when UMCOR was around). Maybe there's a way to do this moving forward – if we have Wednesday night meals or when we cook for Ann Hope that we intentionally package some meals to take to some of our members who need a meal that week (can't get out/need to be uplifted)	1
Working with Habitat in the Community	1
Missions:	1
The once a month activities done by our special friends ministry.	1
blood drives	2
ASSET MANAGEMENT	
Continue online giving	4
On-line pledging	1
Alms offerings online	1
Adjusting staffing/personnel needs to best meet our new goals and ministries as a result of this study.	1
Legacy giving (in its infancy)	1
Explain the importance of virtual giving.	1
OTHER	
Wednesday night program – youth and adults – with 30-45 min program/entertainment	1
Wednesday Night Supper	2
Continue being flexible and adaptable in all areas of the church.	1
Embrace our Methodist denomination	1
Follow the current Book of Discipline and current Social Principles	1
STOP BUCKET	
WORSHIP	
Is Live Stream worship really necessary? Is recorded worship enough? Pandemic could get worse, so may need to.	1
Being expected to read out of the hymnal – please keep the words on the screen in traditional. I have dyslexia and it's really difficult to follow along in a hymnal, especially since I didn't grow up with them. I think this is probably less intimidating for visitors too.	1
Passing offering plates	6
Bulletins	3
Crinkle cups for communion	3

Being afraid to say the word justice or social justice from the pulpit and stop being fearful to preach about the subject – our young people need to hear about these issues	1
Changing worship times.	2
Passing of the Peace.	2
Worship guides collecting offering – use the baskets at the door to worship for collecting offerings	1
Children’s story (until we have a regular core of children to come up) especially now that we are streaming. This may have an impact on church image.	1
Stop the pandemic hysteria. If we can go to the grocery, Walmart, Lowes, restaurants, etc. without masks, we should be able to do so at church. Masks should be optional.	1
Stop being one-sided on major Social Justice issues. This church seems to be evenly split with progressives and conservatives. Communications and activities of the church should reflect that....I don’t like being scolded for my stances....UMW has gone completely progressive. It is not for me anymore.	1
Stop Celebration Service-“It dilutes the congregation”.	1
Discontinue the children's sermon in the "traditional" service. There are seldom any kids at that service. Also, doesn’t flow with rest of service. Maybe only do on special occasions when children are involved in service.	1
Kids singing at multiple services in one day.	2
(or at all while we are still in a pandemic and they are not old enough to be vaccinated)	1
pretending St Mark isn't polarized and address the different "theologies" that members have	1
(there is no way we will survive what is coming without having these	1
Sermons that compare Jesus to an atomic bomb (and other sermons that have driven us from services that the kids aren’t participating in. I don’t feel like the Methodism I grew up with is reflected at times in the message given	1
Flower calendar. People can donate or do special flowers on an ad hoc basis. Seems hard to fill calendar, not sure it is critical use of funds.	1
Stop curbside greeters and umbrella holders	1
DISCIPLE DEVELOPMENT	
Figure out how to better support ministries for children and youth.	2
We have too many committee and ministries with overlapping roles and responsibilities. We need to consolidate and redefine clearer mission statements and objectives.	1
Reduce number of meetings through consolidation	2

Some committee work/teams responsibilities/activities overlap. Can consolidate looking at Ministry Guide.	1
If an effort doesn't get the support it needs then stop sponsoring it	1
Stop Wednesday night dinners, not healthy. Offer programs of educational value.	5
Wednesday nights and have a bigger vision (Once a month have "dinners of 8" or FFF (Fun, Food, Fellowship) in homes with different members in the congregation to get to know each other. Laura Ritter did this with the choir.	1
Children's Choir with masks and low attendance – "the way it now is, it is not fun" for the kids	1
Forming and having all these committees for everything!	1
Wings	1
DISCIPLE CARE	
If we want young families to participate, we need to accommodate best times for children, youth and young adults/working parents to participate. May need to consider providing child care for parents to participate.	1
The Heartbeat needs a major overhaul. It is boring, the same redundant messages every week, too long. We suggest links in the Heartbeat to our SM website. Can we benchmark other church newsletters?	3
Redundant service announcements. They are defined in our bulletins and heartbeat and do not need to be reviewed in Sunday service.	1
Church being locked and closed	1
Snacks in the atrium	1
Pet Blessing	1
CDC: We need to determine if the CDC is a ministry of our church or a breakeven enterprise for our community. What is the value of the CDC? There is no interaction between the CDC and the church. The children and parents are not involved in our church ministry. Maintaining & upgrading the facilities is costly for minimal benefit. It is an untapped opportunity that needs investigation. If little opportunity for improvement is identified, we should stop the CDC activity or outsource.	2
Stop CDC at the level it is now operating, inefficient director and staff not prepared, an embarrassment to the community, not supported by but one family from St. Mark	1
CDC- if it seems to be working inefficiently, dated, etc there are better options to use space or have a different program come in altogether. Or bring up to current standards and run it like it should be.	1
ASSET MANAGEMENT	

Sell the Parsonage when Todd gets a new assignment. We should update the recent Trustee proposal. Not only is the financial opportunity to the church significant, it also would provide a pastor's housing stipend and the opportunity to build his personal equity.	1
Less financial requests on a weekly frequency. We have too many "special" requests, while we are giving and pledging annually.	3
Mission fundraisers since that is now included in the budget.	1
Stop selling items in the atrium on Sundays-Jesus ran money changers from the temple.	2
OTHER	
The members of our congregation reacting in a negative way to different viewpoints	1
So many people choosing to leave our church	1
trying to be everything to everybody and changing for the sake of changing.	1
letting small groups make major decision changes without consulting people/congregation that need to be consulted.	1
trying to blend into the culture and instead be willing to live counter to the culture as Christians.	1
Using the term disciples - instead use "member" more often to build a feeling of community and family.	1
assuming that trying different things and being outside of a "comfort zone" is a good thing	1
Stop emphasizing "social justice" - and instead emphasize love, scripture and holiness - and focus on congregational care.	1
assuming we are a unique Church - sure we are welcoming, mission oriented, etc. - but so are other churches in our area.	1
EXPLORE	
WORSHIP	
Completely different way to do online church, with interactive components, not just watching church from home	1
I want "real" communion! I will not miss the little cups and am dreaming of the day we can have real bread. I appreciate attempts to make communion special even now, but it's not the same. I hope we'll continue exploring ways to move toward this.	2
Integrating scripture into middle of message	3
May need a technically trained PAID person to help with sound in both worship services.	2
Midnight Christmas Eve service, Easter sunrise service, and other specialty services.	1
More outdoor services	1

More attractive service to children and youth	1
More kinds of music experiences – orchestra? And opportunities for all music groups to be together	1
More laity participation in the worship services as has been done in the past e.g. lay readers	2
More opportunities for combined services to bring entire congregation together.	1
Open church for worship	1
Other Comments: At Easter, we noticed that being outdoors was well received – we found a way to be together when the advice being given for gathering was “no”. Let’s continue to be creative and “find a way”.	2
Pastors should react to circumstances in the community and world—not just preach a sermon prepared months earlier. (Ex-tornado, Black lives matter)	2
Prayer requests	2
Professional videos for inclusion in worship (e.g. the Lord’s Prayer used on World Communion Sunday)	1
Recognize the online congregation in the Welcome in both traditional and celebration worship services.	1
Sharing our pulpit with Ann Hope, Friendship, etc	1
Speak out on Social Issues from the Pulpit	2
social justice topics and messages that are goal oriented on how to be a better human.	1
Use an Order of Worship in the Methodist Hymnal for the traditional service.	1
Change our worship to one Blended Worship Service—we are all the Body of Christ	1
Mix great gyms and contemporary music in worship	1
All music should be able to be sung by congregation, limit Celebration vocalists from impromptu renditions	1
Announcements should be after the organ prelude once the service has started and does not need to be exclusively from pastors-we need other faces of St. Mark sharing with congregation.	1
collaborating with other churches on service days and social justice awareness and education days	1
New contemporary songs for our celebration service	1
Add a Sunday night Contemporary Service	1
Different singers for the celebration service	1
Include Lord's Prayer in every worship service.	1
Prayers during worship for world events/tragedies/people suffering, our Armed Forces in harms way.	1

How to engage visitors who are looking at our church and can't do live feed.	1
Enhance services with either people from our congregation with their wonderful gifts/talents or have speakers or testimonies to inspire.	1
DISCIPLE DEVELOPMENT	
Youth and children	
More activities for children, youth, and families in our neighborhood. Why hide Trunk or Treat out of sight in the lower parking lot? More visibility.	1
Strengthen and create youth programs, including choirs, project ministries and more. We are hopeful that Maria, Minister of Family Outreach, (and Laura with the new youth choir), will significantly improve all our youth programs.	4
How do we reach the young families in the CDC and help them to feel welcomed and wanted in the life of the church? Do we need to invest in higher salaries for CDC workers to get a more highly qualified person to help the children to grow?	1
Youth work trips (not just choir)	2
New ways of having children participate in Worship	1
New ways to make church more fun and meaningful to children:	1
New ways to make music part of the children's Christian education (Sunday School)?	1
Youth handbell choir	1
Redeveloping strong programs for children, youth, and families.	2
Youth area- possibly add a coffee bar, no strict Sunday school hours, more outside events	1
Bible studies	
Alternate between Bible study and other lessons/ programs for families (parents separate from kids but talking about the same topics) on an evening during the week or month.	1
Men's Bible Study	1
More pastor-led Bible studies.	1
Offer more options for Faith Formation (in person/zoom) – bible studies, topical studies	1
Small groups	
Building more small groups (like this one) where we can get to know each other better – especially those that go to the service we don't attend.	1
Mid-week small groups in homes	1
More Small Group Study	1
Recreate an active men's group.	1

Redefine and/or reformat UMW circles. Attendance and participation seems low at least for some circles. Are the activities meaningful? There is a social component that is important.	1
Neighborhood meeting groups – KIT (keep in touch?)	1
Explore Saturday evening programming or Sunday afternoon children activities	1
More opportunities for small group discussions, like these, to educate and discuss issues for the upcoming General Conference. How will it look to our local church?	1
Sunday School	
Consider starting a new adult Sunday school class each fall.	1
Create an online Sunday school group.	1
Virtual SS	1
Rebrand Sunday School – variety of days/times?	1
Redefine and/or reformat Sunday School classes. Are they a welcoming, learning activity or really just a social hour? What is the purpose? Is purpose clear to new persons to our church?	1
Adjust church Sunday School time—choir members miss the full class-very disruptive and choir members cannot fully participate	3
Lynn rekindling her involvement with the Misfits in some way or other	1
Encourage Sunday School Classes perhaps even beginning new classes focusing on current topics. These classes could regroup after a certain length of time and refocus on another topic or subject of interest of the participants.	1
Other	
New member class is very much needed.	1
Consider another effort to increase volunteerism	1
Are there gaps in volunteers that could be filled by outsourcing? Maybe somehow provide employment opportunity for minority or women owned business, or court ordered community service hours, or employment for someone trying to get back into the work force, or work hours to a developmentally disabled person, etc. Seems like sometimes there is difficulty finding folks to prepare meals or clean up or landscape, etc. A lot of families are stretched pretty thin for time to volunteer. Maybe there is an opportunity here to give someone else an opportunity and have a win-win?	1
Consider programs for singles or for people age 35-55 in general. Zoom meetings may be one way to get together, so babysitters aren't needed. Even if it's a social media network for support, that is a good start. Family retreats and church social events could be the foundation (post-Covid of course).	1
Create more intergenerational interaction – formal and informal.	1
Domestic violence/addiction etc issues – e.g. “Soap and Hope”	1

Encourage belief, love and action among members	1
encourage creative settings for smaller lunch/dinner fellowship, education and enrichment	1
Figure out what young families do want in a church – what is attractive and will help them to grow in their faith. How do we help them experience God?	1
Getting young families to our worship services	1
Greater emphasis on evangelism	1
Have SMUMC be an active participant in all “Newcomers” monthly meetings.	1
More special music/arts opportunities such as dance	1
More visibility at Newcomers meetings	1
More activities with the youth (we use to have a monthly/bimonthly " trip" or outdoor fellowship time)	1
Facilitating supper clubs for young adults to have time in fellowship (might attract new young people)	1
On-Line Sunday school lessons and Sunday school Facebook groups to share lessons, outings, successful projects, etc...	1
Partner with other churches (Destiny church, New Harmony) to reach more people.	2
Reaching different cultures	1
Revitalizing the Walk to Emmaus community.	1
Revive efforts to identify then follow up with new residents	1
See if the Fellowship of Christian Athletes could engage with our church	1
Welcome bag—NO MUGS- for visitors	2
Saint Mark disciples need to get involved with young families in the community to establish relationships that may help a family adopt Saint Mark as a church family.	2
Teach doctrine of discovery	1
Theologic growth from scripture knowledge	1
Acknowledge we live on the land of Native Americans	1
Using Zoom for meetings for those who cannot attend	1
We need to make this church younger.	1
What are we doing to reach the unchurched?	1
Where do the college aged and young adult disciples fit in?	1
Difficult for families to come mid-week	1
Study social principles	1
Provide profile of new members to help members identify common interests	2
Maybe collaborate with another churches youth group?	1
doing something targeted toward young people/ young families (we are very few and unengaged)	1

how to get more younger people involved. I personally haven't felt pulled to attend St Mark in the recent years besides being a familiar place with family. Don't have many friends that go anymore and don't feel the kids program is great right now either. Not sure what the solution for this is currently though.	1
DISCIPLE CARE	
Communication	
Communication so that those who volunteer for something get a call back	1
Staying in touch with SM disciples via phone and visits	2
Modify our church communication processes. The COS has 41 members! That is 25% of our weekly congregation attendance. It is not a leadership decision making group...it is a communication meeting. Our Pastor has excellent weekly staff meetings, He needs a core group of 8-10 leaders who meet with the Pastor frequently to discuss issues, make decisions and move the church initiatives.	2
Improve and change the way that we communicate. Modify the Heartbeat and upgrade the website so that we use it as a tool to inform others about our wonderful St. Mark church and family. Consider a message board in the Narthex, Atrium and Gym publicizing next week's events, activities and key messages.	2
Rebrand Heartbeat – it's too long! Bullet points	1
More youth to 20s-40s year olds voices and viewpoints being heard as part of the church	1
Call every member of St. Mark and ask when was the last service they attended, if not attending ask why	1
Other	
Bereavement support group	1
Expand Caring Ministry-this is huge to involve the church in daily phone calls, checking on home bound, etc. Everyone is a caring minister	2
Provide regular home communion-not just occasionally, should be every time congregation receives communion	1
Bringing back social time between services.	1
Initiate a "Bring them Back" campaign to all current St. Mark people who are not now participating in church activities or worship. Give them a call or take them to lunch and understand their issues... covid or other	1
May need stronger ministry to adults in 40-50's (still working, possibly taking care of children at home and/or aging parents)	1
More outreach to shut-ins (phone calls, zoom, special newsletter, birthday calls, etc.).	1
Restart Stephen's Ministry to assist with pastoral visitations to the sick and elderly.	4

We have a security plan that was developed before the pandemic. It is time to revisit this plan and consider an on-site Sunday resource officer now.	1
Listening to the needs of our older disciples	1
New ways to minister to the elderly/shut-ins	2
“SMURFs” (providing help with home repairs)	1
Resume coffee, refreshments and fellowship in the atrium—if someone does not want to participate they may go to the respective classes	2
Have the new Family Minister contact all families and have a meeting to share her vision/ideas- with excitement	1
Establish church contact team to visit/partner with shut-ins, hospital patients.	1
New member recognition/mentoring/First Friends. Along with photograph board and identification information for current members to view and welcome	1
Displaced family "adoption" program. Relocating into our community. Welcome foreign displaced families, also.	1
Phone call-a -week program to folks from St Mark not having live, in home communication- single, widow, widower, shut-in.	1
SERVE OUR NEIGHBORS	
CDC	
Figure out how to make the CDC more of a ministry of the church	1
Improve the CDC situation or eliminate. Get involved with the CDC to better communicate and participate in events. Meet with the children & parents to determine their needs to have them participate with our St. Mark family.	2
Reaching out to CDC families – pastor involvement – pastor and staff more visible in CDC - family outreach minister involved with activities – music involvement	1
doing something different with the CDC (or help/ have more control over what they are doing since the community associates it as a part of St Mark), it's embarrassing	1
Possible expansion of CDC to help meet childcare needs for working parents	1
Facilities	
Making our facilities more available to the community	2
A place for after school activities	2
A place for outside community activities (like AA)	2
Showers for those in need	3
Ways to use our church campus and facilities to reach out to the community	2
May need more rooms capable of audio/visual than just Common’s, Acts, Conference	1
Turn on the water fountains-shouldn’t have to fill a water bottle in the bathroom	1
American Flag at front of the church	1
Other	

Bring Salkehatchie back to St. Mark. Could also work with Habitat and ReBuild Upstate organizations	2
Adopt a Missionary Family	1
Awareness programs for community agencies	2
Begin a signature ministry that helps Saint Mark impact the community (Marvin's kids does this, but it is seasonal)	1
bereavement	1
Church and Society guide focus on inequities in affordable housing, health care, etc. that the pandemic made more acute and visible.	1
Hold Rise Against Hunger, or other community service projects that bring Christians from different churches together for a common cause.	1
Develop ministries with other congregations	1
Ministry for Homeless – offer places to sleep one night “ecumenically” in the community with coffee in the A.M.	2
more effective support for teachers and healthcare workers	
Revitalize SMUMC Outreach. We should build relationships with area leaders, police, specific area agencies to identify opportunities for us to participate. Opposed to helping all in some piecemeal manner, we should prioritize our effort/resources on the needs of the most critical where our outreach can be most helpful. “Define the needs & Focus our Outreach”. Identify needs for Ann Hope, Food Pantry, Family Promise, Ripple of One, Rosa Clark, Chaplin Fund, Safe Harbor, Epworth Children's Home, Utica area, Our Daily Bread, our Daily Rest, Ride to Work, Wilderness Way, Oconee United ministries	2
Revitalizing SMURF's or something similar.	1
Volunteer opportunities-coordination with local community services	1
Serving disadvantaged	1
Start ERT to respond to natural disasters	1
Substance abuse programs	1
Use the Companion Litany to Our Social Creed as A Regular part of Both Services/ Emphasis on Social issues ... Anti-bullying, Improving the quality of life for those with disabilities, addressing homelessness/mental health issues, improving the conditions in third world countries, being good stewards of the earth and its resources, etc...	1
We want to be the hands & feet of Christ in our community.	2
What is our church known for? What is our community image? What will Seneca miss if we are not here? Begin a strong PR presence with social media.	1
I really enjoyed the potato drop contributing to the community and working with another church. I'd like to see more community service opportunities.	1

5th Friday program where a group from St Mark in months with 5 Fridays helps feed the hungry. But within our community- Our Daily Bread.	1
Ways to involve Utica families in some of our programs.	1
Ways the members can go to McCormick prison ministry, if possible. Other than Kairos?	1
ASSET MANAGEMENT	
Building use policy	2
Establishment of endowments	1
Increase pastor discretionary funds	1
Landscaping. Three eyesore areas that need to be taken care of.	1
On-line access to individual giving	1
Regular updates on financial position	1
Appropriate time to raise money for ministries at the church-Wednesday night suppers	2
Explore having some type of donation time like the Wednesday donations during the pandemic. People felt a connection and that they were caring for others.	1
Use current available resources through the UMC to grow our congregation without purchasing programs	1
Encourage our staff and other church leaders to utilize the resources of the United Methodist Church. They are well-researched, free except for a few online classes, and designed to help navigate churches through our times.	1
https://www.r2hub.org/library *** https://www.umc.org/en/content/peace-with-justice-sundar-ministry-article	
https://www.resourceumc.org/en/content/about-resourceumc https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/	
https://www.umcjustice.org/news-and-stories	
https://www.umnews.org/	
OTHER	
I miss potlucks and church meals a lot – and I wasn’t expecting to miss these! I think God is leading us to create ways to connecting in old and new ways.	1
I think we are being led to build a more inclusive community. Including more than the people within our four walls – the technology we now have and are using helps us to reach more people with what we are already doing in worship (x 2 people)	1
One pastor	1
Restart Wednesday night dinners and interesting program topics/classes. (2) Identify good outside teachers and speakers for Wednesday night dinners programs and Sunday school.	2

Saint Mark used to be more intentional about being mindful of environmental issues and climate justice. Revisit?	1
We desperately need a “Growth Plan”. Either we grow or downsize. Our membership is declining, our campus is one large city block, and we have many needs for outreach in our community. A comprehensive plan with proactive marketing, is needed to increase our church family. If we are unsuccessful, we should consider downsizing our church facilities: Gym, kitchen, Boy Scout building, Parsonage. Consider benchmarking other area churches who are successful in growing membership. Hold classes for new member and assign a church mentor to each.	1
Rebrand Wednesday night dinners	1
Healthier meals	1
Monthly or quarterly with focus on social justice?	1
Programming	1
More opportunities to Worship/serve/fellowship w/ New Harmony	1
We don’t talk enough about these issues...	1
Start a vegetable garden	
Translate the weekly contemporary message into Spanish and post it on the web...	
Meals and fellowship opportunities	
Educational events about social ministry	
Becoming a net-zero congregation in energy use	
How to increase youth/young adult numbers	
Changing service times	
Alternative Sunday school times and models	
Improve social media presence	
Make more effort to support programs already making positive contributions to local community needs. ie: ripple of one, our daily bread, our daily rest, etc.	
Strengthen the efforts to bring teenage youth to participate in activity of their interest.	
Online/Zoom Bible Study opportunities (in addition to in person opportunities)	
look into using a series format for the celebration service with theming	
anything that might bring in more youth/young adults to the church	
having worship messages that are engaging for young families and young adults	
more engaging Sunday school offerings for kids	
bring back activities such as sports in the gym, after hours for teens on football game nights, youth retreats like ski trips, etc. that the youth are excited about	

make the children’s message more interactive and engaging for both adults and kids; use more props/videos/etc. to make them more exciting and not feel like it’s “checking a box”	
make the gym space look less dated for the contemporary service	
young adult and young family “life groups” that meet to fellowship and maybe a bible study	
Consider the entire church and/or small groups joining the Wesleyan Covenant Association (WCA). This would allow a “voice” and information sharing for members with conservative views. We are already part of the Reconciling Ministries Network (which is an organization with more progressive views).	1
More activities with the youth (we use to have a monthly/bimonthly " trip" or outdoor fellowship time)	1
Facilitating supper clubs for young adults to have time in fellowship (might attract new young people)	1