

Saint Mark  
United Methodist Church

*Our Goals for 2010*

Practicing the  
Presence of God  
in 2010

*These are our Saint Mark  
strategic goals for 2010*

**Spirituality GOD THE FATHER**

Our church will experience a new longing for and sense of God's presence and purpose in daily life individually and corporately.

**Hospitality GOD THE SON**

Our church will heighten our ministries of hospitality and evangelism, growing in sensitivity to God's call to reach out in Christ's Spirit.

**Evangelism GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT**

Our church will experience a strengthening of our Saint Mark ministries to young adults and young families, with our church becoming more attractive to and attracting of young adults and young families.

**Saint Mark's Charting Principles**

- **The Bible** – as the explanation (foundation) of our fellowship
- **Worship** – as the inspiration for our fellowship
- **Hospitality** – as the embrace of our fellowship
- **Diversity** – as the expanse of our fellowship
- **Spiritual Growth** – as the expectation of our fellowship
- **Service and Participation** – as the manifestation of our fellowship
- **Personal Faith** – as the experience of our fellowship
- **Missions** – as the exhibition of our fellowship

**STRATEGIC VISION –  
SPIRITUALITY GOALS**

*Our church will experience a new longing for and sense of God's presence and purpose in daily life individually and corporately.*

**1. Prayer**

- A. Conduct a one to two day prayer retreat in the first quarter of the year for program staff paid for by church
- B. Conduct quarterly worship services on prayer and spiritual disciplines
- C. Provide printed Remembrance Cards for persons to mail the week before the quarterly services to persons who will be remembered or named in the services
- D. Identify six persons with the gift of prayer who, with training, will lead in prayer in worship once a month

**2. Leadership Training**

- A. Conduct a day-long training/prayer retreat for the W.E.S.L.E.Y.S. ministry team leaders in January
- B. Use the first meeting of the Council of Stewards in 2010 for training and review of ministry goals (old and new members in attendance)
- C. Plan a second Council of Stewards meeting (for February) for a book study

**3. Charting Principles**

Emphasize *Charting Principles* by having the Council of Stewards review, revise, re-affirm making display posters for building presenting and employing quarterly in worship.

#### **4. Theme of “Walking with God”**

Create a pedometer program of “Walking with God” in which at least 75 persons use a pedometer during 2010 as a reminder of their daily ‘walk’ with God during the year, aiming for 7,000 steps per day.

#### **5. Mission**

A. Within the next year have 20 persons go on international mission trip

B. Within five years have established an ongoing international mission project

#### **6. Lenten Discipline**

A. During Lent 2010, have five groups of 10 persons each participate in a special program of prayer, study, and spiritual discipline involving weekly meetings

B. The congregation will be urged to forgo some routine convenience (to “fast”) during the days of Lent

C. The congregation will be urged to read a designated book on the spiritual disciplines during Lent (book to be chosen by staff and paid for by participants)

#### **7. NCD Survey**

Repeat Natural Church Development survey in November, 2010

### ***STRATEGIC VISION – HOSPITALITY GOALS***

*Our church will heighten our ministries of hospitality and evangelism, growing in sensitivity to God’s call to reach out in Christ’s Spirit.*

#### **1. Award -**

Earn the *WELCOMING CERTIFICATION AWARD* through the *Igniting Ministry* official “OPEN HEARTS, OPEN DOORS, OPEN MINDS” program of the United Methodist Church

#### **2. Mentors -**

Develop a program of training for our new member mentors, involving:

A. A head ‘mentor-minder’ leader who will provide periodic updates/suggestions to mentors

B. A program of check-ups with new members through the course of the first year

#### **3. Visits -**

The Evangelism Ministry Team will coordinate a visit to all new members in their home within a month after their joining the church.

#### **4. Visitors -**

The Evangelism Ministry Team will coordinate an intentional program to connect with visitors and prospective members including revamping the welcome/hospitality center.

#### **5. Financial -**

All new members will be personally contacted by the Stewardship/Finance Committee to explain the budget and financial matters.

#### **6. Hospitality -**

Pastors will emphasize hospitality in worship.

#### **7. Name Tags -**

Evangelism Ministry Team will emphasize the rationale for wearing name tags and conduct service centered on Christian hospitality

#### **8. Invitations -**

Provide printed invitations for congregation to send to friends and neighbors for special services

#### **9. Signage -**

Conduct evaluation of inside and outside signage of the church to ensure effectiveness for visitors.

### ***STRATEGIC VISION – EVANGELISM GOALS***

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**1. Celebration Service -** Develop and complete remodeling of the Celebration Service worship space and environment by year-end

**2. Facebook -** During the first half of 2010, we will create a Saint Mark *Facebook* Group.

### **3. Young Adults -**

Create a Young Adult Ministry Advisory Council, comprised of young adults to give ideas and guidance to our ministry in this area

### **4. Enhance our connection to our Child Development Center by**

- A. Developing a CDC email list to notify of special events
- B. Add CDC families to our Navigator and Beacon mailing lists

### **5. Young Adult and Children's Ministries**

Provide funds to support the young adult and children's ministries.

### **6. Staff Changes -**

Within three years, re-align and increase staff to allow for enhanced staff-led ministry to both young adults and to preschool children.

### **7. Missionaries -**

Develop a plan to highlight the work of our missionaries in Africa