

**“Living Into our Mission”  
The Goals of 2010 from the SPRC & Pastor Paul Dunham**

***Statement to the Congregation:***

We, the Staff-Parish Relations Committee together with Pastor Paul, have been prayerfully evaluating how this year has gone in the life of the Church, and to lay out some of goals for next year. We believe that God is moving- in Pastor Paul’s life and in the life of the Church. Prayerfully, with God guiding us, we believe the 3 main areas of focus laid out here will significantly improve our faith life together in the coming year.

**1. Defining and Organizing through our Mission**

- A. The “Vision Process”- a church-wide prayerful study of and renewal in the Mission of the Church. This year will be a time of revival for us as we re-focus on the most important aspects of our Church life together by both defining and organizing our Church around our Mission. Using a process laid out in “2010: A Call to Seek the Vision of God for FUMC”, we will be led in this process by a “Vision Team” to:
- Study ways we can dream about what God is calling us. This will include some resource materials and special workshops that will be church-wide opportunities to embrace this movement of God’s Spirit.
  - State our Mission clearly.
  - Communicate that Mission so that every person in the Church knows this Mission, and has been inspired to passionately live into their part of our Mission.
  - Every ministry area will be strengthened by this process, with leaders engaged in our Mission, volunteers empowered to step into the Mission, and people inside and outside the Church becoming and growing as disciples of Christ as we put the Mission in place.

B. The leadership of the Church will explore how we can address the significant funding problems we now face. We will not let that issue define our Mission even while it impacts how we will fulfill it. We all must pledge together now to stay committed to the Church no matter how this part of the process turns out.

C. Each work area and Committee of the Church will meet on a regularly scheduled basis, with clear goals for each area arising from both inspired leaders and from the Vision process the Church will be going through. We want the mechanism in place for people to be freed by the Spirit to fulfill their calling.

**2. Strengthening the Ties that Bind.** We are only as strong in the Church as the ties that bind us. We want to work this year to strengthen the loving connection between each member and Pastor Paul and just as importantly the loving connection between the members of the congregation.

- A. Pastor Paul is always available. Office hours and visitation hours will be more clearly designated. While these may be adjusted as experience dictates, at this time Pastor Paul’s office hours will be Tue.-Fri., 10:30am-3pm, except where he is called away from the office (a visit needed, a need expressed, a meeting attended, etc.). Pastor Paul is available for lunch, and later in the afternoon he will be out of the office visiting. When away from the office, Nan Walston, the Church secretary, will know where he is. His overall schedule will be more published. Also, he is available via cell phone & email.
- B. The congregation is encouraged to invite Pastor Paul to be a part of their lives in any number of ways- reach out to him so he knows the best way to connect with you.
- C. Each person’s involvement in Sunday School, Prayer Meeting, Wed. night Fellowship & the different ministries of the Church are crucial to feeling that connection both between Pastor Paul and each member of the congregation and between each other. We want not to just know each other- we want to strengthen the connection between us. Active participation in these group activities and others like them is the responsibility of every member, and a key component to our loving connection.

**3. Leadership development and communication.** To facilitate the optimal coordination between all the work areas/ committees of the Church, Pastor Paul will meet with every Chair or coordinator a minimum of 3 times each year, to help them to work on both the vision they both have for that area, as well as seeing how that area can better fit within the Mission of the life of the Church as a whole. This is in conjunction with that area working to fill the structure needs identified in #1 above. Also, there will be weekly coordination meetings between Pastor Paul & Nan Walston, Church Secretary, and also with Sheldon Letchworth, Youth Director.