



WELCOME TO
COMMUNITY
– UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
ELM GROVE, WISCONSIN EST: 1949

May 02, 2023

Dear faithful CUMC member and friend:

On Saturday, April 29th, roughly 50 of our members joined together for a “CUMC Visioning” session to hear about the current challenges to our congregation and its future, and to work together to brainstorm a number of different ideas for us to consider as we continue to develop in our faith and seek to serve others through our various ministries. If you were able to join us; thank you for your attendance and ideas! If you weren’t able to join us, know that you were missed at our tables!

We know that brainstorming doesn’t end just because a session ends, so we want to invite you to continue in this process with us. Attached to this letter are the brainstorming “prompt” questions that we used to stimulate the table discussions among our members and to solicit their ideas for expanding and “branching out” in our ministries. We will continue to gather and collect ideas from the congregation through May 28, 2023.

Following that, the Servant Leadership Team will begin evaluating and considering which ideas make the most sense for us to pursue as a congregation with the use of our staff, volunteer, and financial resources.

We plan to provide continuing updates and communications as our process proceeds over the summer months as we build our future together. In the meantime, if you have any ideas for CUMC to consider, you may either send them to the CUMC Visioning e-mail box at: Vision@cumceg.org or drop your written ideas off with the church office staff by May 28, 2023. If you would like an online version please use the QR code below or look for a link in the weekly eblast newsletter.

Yours always in Christ,

Jeff Turmel

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CUMC Servant Leadership Team



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Community Visioning Workshop

Brainstorming Guidance Questions

1. In what ways can you see CUMC building Community WITHIN our congregation?
2. In what ways can you see CUMC building Community OUTSIDE our congregation?
3. In what ways can you see CUMC better serving our neighbors?
4. In what ways can you see CUMC addressing unmet needs in our community?
5. What ideas do you have to raise awareness of CUMC in the community and as a resource to help?
6. What types of events, gatherings, projects, or classes would help CUMC be more visible in the community?
7. In what ways can we better use our OUTSIDE property to enhance our ministry and/or serve our neighbors?
8. In what ways can we better use our BUILDING AND FACILITIES to meet the needs of the community or build relationships within the congregation?
9. What people resources or talents are you aware of that could help CUMC be more engaged in the community and world around us?