

## 2010 SUMC GOALS

“The mission of the Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ”

“We envision churches where all God’s people are welcomed at table, nurtured, and transformed to be Christ to others in the world” Virginia Conference

## EVANGELISM GOALS

Each of these goals begins the journey of making disciples by welcoming new people to Christ through our church. They seek to strengthen Lay Speaking Ministries and to offer the sharing and witness of the Christian experience.

1. We seek to welcome new people through the ongoing improvement of our website; to create imaginative expressions of the Christian life to the online audience. To seek to incorporate the message from our larger church: “Rethink Church” to our website.
2. We seek to welcome the Hispanic population in our area with a targeted invitation
3. We seek to welcome new people with a customized ad in the NVD
4. We seek to welcome new members to our congregation with a “New Members Celebration” to take place in January of 2010
5. We seek to welcome new people by dedicating our Chapel space into a Prayer Room” that initially invites all to participate in “prayer events” for Advent, Lent, and the summer months. A prayer coordinator will be invited to organize and sustain these events
6. We will explore the feasibility of a Saturday evening, coffee house style event to allow the sharing of witness to the Christian life, faith and service

## NURTURE GOALS

Each of these goals continues the journey of discipleship within the church. They demonstrate how SUMC meets the needs of individuals and facilities of all ages to education, worship, membership care, small groups and stewardship.

1. Membership Care will conduct a needs assessment to address the parking needs of the congregation and visitor access.
2. Membership care will bring leadership to creating “an emotional network” to families and individuals suffering from the impacts of economic recession
3. Church council will personally invite persons to take advantage of leadership training offered at the district and conference level. The District session is in January and Conference certification classes are held throughout the year.
4. Church council will move forward with the task force recommendations to expand and sustain program development for children and youth ministries. Education will implement such recommendations
5. Education, Worship and Membership Care will coordinate their efforts to further recommend the application from “Fruitful Congregations” to the church council. Recommendations that impact the master calendar for 2010 will be presented at the January council meeting
6. A model 3<sup>rd</sup> service will be offered by the Pastor and the Worship committee beginning in September and continuing until the end of the year. The Worship committee will document the individual and family needs met by this service, and offer a report to Council for Charge Conference, 2010.
7. Church Council will adopt a Capital Improvement Plan to address structural, infrastructural, and accessibility needs of the church grounds and buildings. A suitable funding plan will be prepared by Finance, offered to the congregation for their input, and presented to Council by February, 2010.
8. An ESL (English Second Language) program will be introduced through the Christian Formation committee
9. A “Green Initiative” plan will be adopted by the Church administrative committees

## MISSION GOALS

Transformed disciples will be Christ to others in the world. These goals reflect our local and larger community ministries for compassion, justice and advocacy: particularly in Christian unity, religion and race, and the status and role of women.

1. Mission committee will coordinate with the Lutheran church to implement a common communion event.
2. Mission will design, organize and implement hands on mission project for our larger community that supports ministry for compassion, justice or advocacy.
3. Mission will design, organize and implement a program where disciples from SUMC offer a ministry of justice based upon the social principles of the United Methodist Church to the local community
4. Mission will organize the planning of a program where disciples from SUMC offer programs on religion and race, and the status and role of women during the 250<sup>th</sup> celebration of the town of Strasburg in 2011.