

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH GAINESVILLE

MISSION AND GOALS

FUMC is a vibrant, growing downtown church that is spiritually and socially important to its members and its location. We are of common mind and heart as we move into the future. We seek pastoral and lay leadership committed to the following goals:

1. Increase membership from the current 580 to 750-1,000 by 2015.
2. Deepening the spiritual life of the church and its membership through meaningful Sunday preaching and worship, uplifting music and small group discipling; measured by increasing participation and enhanced opportunities to volunteer in church activities and outreach.
3. Improving the quality and reach of the children's ministry; measured by increased attendance in the nursery, FUMPers, Sunday school and children's church programs, children's music programs and Vacation Bible School.
4. Improving the quality and reach of the youth ministry, involving the youth in all facets of church life and supporting targeted activities such as Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, summer Christian camp and Sunday gatherings/classes and music; measured by increasing attendance and confirmation into the church.
5. Welcoming younger adults, including families with children, through special activities to appeal to their age group and life situations; measured by the age of those attending all aspects of church activity: worship, baptisms, Christian education classes, membership and volunteer opportunities.
6. Expanding spiritual and social outreach to elderly members who can no longer join church activities on their own; measured by increasing numbers of church members offering and receiving such services, especially Holy Communion on a monthly basis.
7. Embracing our downtown location through activities that welcome downtown residents and workers and reach out to the homeless and working poor specifically through the Helping Hands Clinic, the Community Outreach Ministry and the Interfaith Hospitality Network; measured by increased quality of service, pastoral care and attendance.

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