St. Thomas
United Methodist Church

Monthly Ministry Area Report for Church Council

Our Values: *Biblically Grounded*, *Relational, Mission-Minded*, *Faithful*, *Joyful*

Our Mission: *We exist to reach, nourish, and serve the community so all may experience healing and new life through Jesus Christ.*

Our Strategic Priorities: *Worship, Christian Formation, Outreach and Mission, Administration and Support, Buildings and Grounds*

Name of Person Completing Report:
Abi Foerster

Today's Date (m/d/yy):
10/24/21

Ministry Area, Committee, Board, or Team:
Adult Discipleship Team

1. Please note your accomplishments for this month (Please include accomplishments from tasks outlined in the Strategic Plan and Essential Systems Timeline):

   The ADT took a temporary pause while Pastor Abi was attending to the needs of her child (during September), Barry Barnard continues to be in treatment, and Holly Banner's father passed away. We plan to resume our regularly meeting on January 1, 2022.

2. What specific items of celebration or concern would you like to share?

   We recently met for dinner at Pat Dodson's home, to pray together, to check in with one another, and hold one another accountable for our own spiritual growth. Pastor Abi also shared the plan for Hospitality work teams and how this work (beginning in January 2022) will dovetail but not overlap with the work of the ADT.

3. What are your objectives for the next month? What church priority does each objective address?

   Finish wrapping up the organization of the Library to coincide with our discipleship benchmarks as a church. Identify a Advent devotional to be shared with adults and families. Finish recruiting 3 new team members to join the work of the ADT in January.

4. How can the Church Council assist your efforts?

   Continue to pray for discipleship growth in the life of the church. Work toward developing deeper spiritual practices as leaders of the church.

5. What can the Church Council specifically pray for?

   Growth, more adult teachers / facilitators, and a Sunday morning superintendent.