

Thompson Memorial Presbyterian Church

Path to the Future

Core Values: Growing Strong in Our Faith – Rooted in Our Core Values

- Bible-Based Preaching/Teaching – We provide Scripture-based guidance for Christian living.
- Fellowship/Church Life – We are committed to creating a loving Christian environment.
- Caring for Each Other – We are a family that provides unconditional support to each other.
- Biblical Hospitality: Welcome All/Warm Fellowship – Our actions and words demonstrate that everyone is a child of God.
- Support Local Missions – We fulfill the Gospel of Jesus Christ by serving those in need.

Initiatives: We have identified twelve Initiatives that, when implemented, will enable us to live our Core Values.

1. Initiative: Encourage Sermon Reflection & Worship Music Participation
 - Core Value Bible-Based Preaching/Teaching
 - Purpose To engage the congregation & others throughout the community in the sermon & worship music
 - Scripture “You shall put these words of mine in your heart and soul...talking about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise” (Deuteronomy 11:18, 19). “It is good to praise the LORD and make music to your name” (Psalm 92:1).
 - Session Jo Ann Lieber
 - Staff Bailey Pruner
 - Team Leader Bailey Pruner
2. Initiative: Expand the Prayer Team
 - Core Value Bible-Based Preaching/Teaching & Caring for Each Another
 - Purpose To actively encourage and promote prayer within the life of the church
 - Scripture “Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.” (James 5:16)
 - Session Steve Sailer
 - Staff Stuart Spencer
 - Team Leader Stuart Spencer
3. Initiative: Increase Participation in Small Groups
 - Core Value Bible-Based Preaching/Teaching & Fellowship/Church Life
 - Purpose To create more intimate connections with others in basic Christian community to enable spiritual maturity
 - Scripture “And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds” (Hebrews 10:24).
 - Session Sue Wert
 - Staff Bailey Pruner
 - Team Leader Bailey Pruner
4. Initiative: Expand the Use of Property and Events
 - Core Value Biblical Hospitality: Welcome All/Warm Fellowship & Fellowship/Church Life
 - Purpose To open our building and our hearts to the community by hosting enriching events
 - Scripture “Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by this some have entertained angels without knowing it” (Hebrews 13.2).
 - Session Mark Delehey
 - Staff George Salt and Cynthia Tuleja
 - Team Leader Mark Delehey

5. Initiative: Develop Family Music Interaction Opportunities
 Fellowship/Church Life
- Core Value
 - Purpose To have an inclusive program where all can participate with voice or instrument
 - Scripture "...speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your hearts to the Lord" (Ephesians 5:19).
 - Session Michelle Summerson
 - Staff Patty Gatto
 - Team Leader Liz Jordan
6. Initiative: Create a Welcoming Environment
 Fellowship/Church Life
- Core Value
 - Purpose To share together a common life with other believers through relationship with God
 - Scripture "We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son, Jesus Christ" (1 John 1:3).
 - Session Jo Ann Alberts
 - Staff Stuart Spencer
 - Team Leader Amy Brewer
7. Initiative: Provide Managed Caring
 Caring for Each Other
- Core Value
 - Purpose To assure that no member in need is forgotten
 - Scripture "And the King will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me' " (Matthew 25:40).
 - Session Rick Foltz
 - Staff Stuart Spencer
 - Team Leader Brad Michael
8. Initiative: Understand Addiction
 Support Local Missions & Caring for Each Other
- Core Value
 - Purpose To provide a safe environment for families and individuals to learn about addiction
 - Scripture "Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ" (Galatians 6:2).
 - Session Chris Bromberg
 - Staff Stuart Spencer
 - Team Leader Stuart Spencer
9. Initiative: Increase Fellowship Opportunities and Collaboration with Other Churches
 Fellowship/Church Life & Support Local Missions
- Core Value
 - Purpose To work with fellow churches to better serve our communities
 - Scripture "We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to His purpose" (Romans 8:28).
 - Session Nancy Kopp
 - Staff Bailey Pruner
 - Team Leader Kirsten Fleisher

10. Initiative: Host Musical Performances at TMPC
- Core Value Bible-Based Preaching/Teaching
 - Purpose To provide the opportunity for others to spread the joy of music to TMPC and the community
 - Scripture “My heart is steadfast, O God, my heart is steadfast. I will sing and make music” (Psalm 57:7).
 - Session David Oxley
 - Staff Grant Farmer and Colton Martin
 - Team Leader To Be Determined
11. Initiative: Provide Musical Performances Outside of TMPC
- Core Value Bible-Based Preaching/Teaching
 - Purpose To spread the Word to the community through music
 - Scripture “Sing to Him, sing praises to Him; tell of all His wonderful acts” (Psalm 105:2).
 - Session John Davis
 - Staff Tricia Murphy
 - Team Leader Tricia Murphy
12. Initiative: Establish a “Sister” Church in Trenton
- Core Value Support Local Missions
 - Purpose To carry out God’s plan in the world by establishing a new church to bring new believers to Christ
 - Scripture “Let each of you look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others” (Philippians 2:4).
 - Session Rick Schaub
 - Staff Stuart Spencer
 - Team Leader Stuart Spencer