



manchester umc

OUR VISION AND MISSION

We are an inclusive faith community that **LOVES** Christ deeply, **WORSHIPS** Christ passionately, and **SERVES** Christ boldly. Therefore, we are called to make a difference for Christ through the transformation of church and community.

2018-2021 PRIORITIES TO ACCOMPLISH OUR MISSION

WORSHIP: Shape our worship experiences to reach a broad demographic.

Goal: By the end of 2021, our worship attendance will increase to at least **1,350**.

MISSION: Provide needed resources and assistance to residents in our local communities.

Goal: By the end of 2021, resource **3,000** people within Parkway, Rockwood, and Valley Park school districts

DISCIPLESHIP: Grow the number of people connecting in Christian community and living more missionally.

Goal: By the end of 2021, clear and simple pathways/bridges are available and used to help **1,000** people at Manchester UMC take a next step on their faith journey.

YOUTH: Grow the number of middle and senior high students actively engaged at Manchester UMC.

Goal: By the end of 2021, **120** youth are actively engaged at Manchester UMC each week.

YOUNG ADULTS: Grow the number of people ages 25 to 35 having a first-time experience with Manchester UMC.

Goal: By the end of 2021, **500** young adults between the ages of 25 and 35 will have had a first time experience with Manchester UMC.

GENEROSITY: Strengthen and grow the financial resources of Manchester UMC.

Goal: By the end of 2021, **\$500,000** has been raised for phase 1 of the HVAC projects, and **\$400,000** has been raised to pay down MUMC'S debt/mortgage.

Drivers/Values Necessary to Accomplish Our 2018-2021 Priorities

Christ focused

Shared Accountability

Regularly assess progress

Celebrate successes and learnings

Transparent Communication

Grow trust and teamwork

Who We Will Look Like by 2022

We will be an **INCLUSIVE** community where **ALL** who seek meaning and purpose in life are welcomed as equal brothers and sisters. **ALL**, especially children, youth, and young adults, will come to Manchester UMC because they will see it as God's calling and claim on their lives. Our church will be the expression of Christ's unconditional love, within and outside of our walls.

To live into such a vision, we will focus on what it means to reflect Christ's love to one another. To this end, we will:

- Make the mission of God—inviting, forming, sending—our first priority.
- Embody the unity and equality of all believers, including laity and staff, expressing it in genuine acceptance, warmth, and friendliness.
- Demonstrate sincere love to each other with encouragement (2 Thessalonians 2:17) and without complaint (1 Peter 4:8-9).

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