

Century 3 Engagement Builders Team Meeting – September 28, 2022

Secretary: Tiffany Conway

Present: Rev. Jim Peich, Tiffany Conway, Chris Kennedy, Doug Christopher, Jeff Haupt

Absent: Kenna Marcus, Izzy Massey, Denise McCartney, Tina Sayers

1) **Touching Base**

2) **Opening Prayer – Rev. Jim Peich**

3) **Reviewed the August 16, 2022 meeting notes Key Statistics**

4) **Congregational Surveys:**

Each of the Century 3 groups will have an opportunity to conduct surveys on the congregation. To prevent overwhelming the congregation with four surveys, the congregation as a whole was divided into four groups so each group will only receive one survey to complete. Connectional group has sent out surveys.

5) **Identify Manchester UMC's strengths:**

- Traditional service in sanctuary
- Family/youth/children programs
- Relative sermons that are positive, encouraging and real
- Missional opportunities
- Inclusion (LGBTQ+)
- Music centered / concerts
- Location
- Worship options (Sat. 4p, Sun 9/11a, online, FB)
- Open communion table
- Leadership
- Circle of Friends Preschool
- Community engagement
- Individuals who are thinking / questions are welcome and encouraged
- PRAYground where kids can participate in worship with parents and “kids can be kids”
- Young people/youth can participate in worship (i.e., Confirmation, acolytes, etc.)

6) **From #5, what are the top strengths?**

- Traditional service in sanctuary
- Relative sermons that are positive, encouraging and real
- Inclusion (LGBTQ+)
- Music centered / concerts
- Location
- Leadership
- Circle of Friends Preschool
- Community engagement

7) **Who is Manchester UMC's current audience?**

- Catholics
- Traditional worshippers
- Churched people are being attracted
- Marginal Christians who typically attend Christmas and Easter service (only)

- Supporters or persons of LGBTQ+
- Music lovers
- Curious “church” shoppers

8) **From #6, what makes Manchester UMC unique?**

1. Traditional service / sanctuary
2. Inclusion (LGBTQ+)
3. Location

9) **Next Meeting:**

- Start to work on congregation survey questions
- Explore future target audiences

Closing Prayer – Rev. Jim Peich

Next Team Meeting - TBD