

New Beginnings Assessment

As we prepare for our 50th Anniversary, St. Andrew is participating in the New Beginnings Assessment process. New Beginnings is a joint project of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) that helps congregations think about the future of their mission and ministry. There are several ways you can participate in this process as the church discerns what God is calling us to do as we enter our next 50 years of ministry.



Pray

A Brief Statement of Faith reminds us that the Holy Spirit is the "giver and renewer of life." We invite you to pray that the Holy Spirit will renew the life and ministry of our congregation. In particular, we invite you to pray that our members will be attentive to the Spirit's voice in this process and that the Spirit will give our ruling and teaching elders the gifts of wisdom and courage to make good decisions.

Share

There are two important opportunities for you to share your thoughts during the process. Everyone who regularly participates in the life of St. Andrew (whether you are a member or not) is encouraged to participate in both of these opportunities.

Conversations - Monday, February 6, 2012 @ 7pm

Come join a conversation about the past, present, and future of St. Andrew that is part of the initial information gathering stage of the New Beginnings process. In order to make sure everyone can participate, childcare will be provided and transportation can be arranged for those who need it.

Small Groups - Spring & Summer, 2012

After the assessor makes his report, the congregation will be split into several small groups that will meet together to pray, study scripture, and read through the report. The small groups will share the results of their discernment with the session to help them lead the congregation.

Lead

Several members of the church (6-8) will attend a leadership training event on March 23-24 to prepare them to lead the congregation through the discernment process and into the mission plans that follow. If you feel called to lead the congregation in this way, please speak with a member of the session.

Ask

If you have any questions, ask a member of the session. You may also want to visit the New Beginnings website at whatisourfuturestory.com.