

WELCOME COMMITTEE CHURCH COUNCIL REPORT

(for Saturday, Nov 12, 2016)

Group: Welcome Committee

Members: Emily Rainsford & Sharon Peterson (co-chairs), Fran Byrn, Marilyn Ferguson, Mark Frey, Sally Gearhart, Scott Miedema, Craig & Shelly Thompson, Doug Albertson (staff rep)

Mtg Sched: 1st Wed of the month, Susannah Wesley House

Purpose: Create warm, friendly environment for newcomers. Reinforce & establish relationships amongst current and prospective congregants through various activities and events. Provide pathways for membership.

FUMC Mission Connection: In God's love, reach-out to all people, regardless of who they are. Grow loving communities of faith! *Love inward as well as outward.*

Activities in 2016: All-Church Worship; Newcomer Brochures; Pew Pads; Fall Ministry Faire; Lunch w/ Pastors; Weekly Welcome Table, Greeters, Servers, and Newcomer Gifts; Presence at All-Church events (e.g. Preschool Dinner, Harvest Festival, Magic Show); Newcomer brochures; Nametags.

Goals for 2017: Continue above activities. Encourage/build connections after initial visits. Expand "Greeter" program. Help grow participation in church work groups. Develop an independent Fall Ministry Fair. Coordinate/combine efforts with Communication Comm. Support other church & community groups in their outreach activities.

Benchmarks:

1. Welcome Committee & Communications Committee will launch their new combined efforts in the 1st quarter of 2017
2. 50% increase in number of greeters by 1st quarter of 2017
3. 15% increase in 2017 of the number of people participating in Commissions, Committees, Task Forces, etc
4. 75% of newcomers will attend "Lunch with the Pastors" within one year of their initial record on the database.