

Long Range Planning – Welcoming Group

- Website with Digital Directory – not accessible through public site – would need a password
- New members photos on the “picture board” and in the Sunday Bulletin the Sunday they join
- Greeters – pre and post service
- Would it be possible for Deacons to direct new families to a particular area so they could sit together – better way to get to know others who are also new
- Make Welcoming part of HCC's Culture
- Develop ways to educate folks about welcoming – reaching out to folks new and/or visiting
- Pay attention to people even if they aren't new....when we see people standing alone, make ourselves known to them
- Formalize the “Group”. We want to be sure when a person leaves the group that there are others to replace them...don't feel it's necessary to have Nominating help with this; we should do it ourselves
- Establish a “Coffee House” a place where teens and adults could “hang out” with good music and space to accommodate such a place
- We need different (expanded) or new space in the church building for new and different activities
- Create a budget prior to Stewardship so the congregation can drive toward a goal. Provide information so people know what it does cost to “operate” the church and what it would mean financially to do some new things
- Re-create Christmas decorations to the exterior of the building and grounds. Our location is very noticeable, but we don't market it; we should think through things we could do to “welcome” people over the holidays
- Recreate a more inviting area in front of the church building where the spotlight and sign are positioned
- Better furniture for Sr. Pastor's office – not comfortable or inviting
- Maintenance of Church and Church office and grounds need professional updating and regular attention
- Evaluate staffing needs
- Provide greater financial information – keep Faith Promise but couple it with financial facts; guidelines for giving; trends; updates on a quarterly basis
- Replace deck at Parsonage with 4 Season Room – add insulation to the house
- Reduce announcements at the beginning of the service – encourage people to read the bulletin; can make exceptions for one-time events, but regular, on-going announcements which are already posted, can just be read at home