

# Blake **MORE**

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## **C**reate

### ...a Culture of Transparency and Open Communication by:

- creating a communication task force to identify a uniform process for publishing and communicating church information
- utilizing the screen in the lobby
- sharing monthly financial update
- creating a list of roles and responsibilities for church leadership and lay members (who does what)
- decluttering the office
- publicizing a central calendar
- continuing the Saying Grace Potlucks to encourage and facilitate a greater connection among people
- sharing and using "proper apology" from MORE Kids! with adults
- better utilizing web presence

**Point People:** Ashley Kemper, Ellen Zinkiewicz, John Hill, Beth Holzemer

## **R**evitalize

### ...Adult Discipleship by:

- creating a team to guide discussion and initiate action
- identify opportunities for non-traditional times and places for groups and worship
- creating food, fun, and service opportunities for college-aged young adults
- determining alternative ways to engage in ministry, such as a compliance service
- connecting with parents of children in Sunday School classes
- discovering community interests
- equipping group leaders

**Point People:** Deanna McCulley, Lisa Lewis, Patti Tippens, John Hill

On Saturday, April 30, the Leadership Board spent the day working on ways to rethink how we do church as Blakemore UMC.

We determined that the areas listed here are priorities in helping us make disciples for the transformation of the world. Our goal is to work towards each of these for the next year to make impactful, visible change in our community.

## Explore

### ...Becoming a Reconciling Congregation by:

- piloting a reconciling ministry within a small group
- empowering a team to craft a reconciling statement
- creating space for feedback and stories
- adopting a statement

**Point People:** Mike Friddell, Zach Lalor

## Equip

### ...Disciples for Welcoming, Hospitality, and Evangelism by:

- designating a welcome team and leader
- creating name tags for members
- creating a communications plan
- utilizing worship hosts to welcome and help visitors find their way through the sanctuary
- updating publicity information
- updating church signage and directives to important places within the building (restrooms, nursery, etc)
- inviting people to non-worship experiences at Blakemore UMC

**Point People:** Susan Slater, Deanna McCulley, John Hill, Cavit Cheshier, Kevin Walker, Yiwen Bi

## Provide

### ...Teaching and Training for Children by:

- designating a team of passionate people dedicated to children's ministry
- posting rules and expectations developed with age and stage of children in mind
- revitalizing the Children's Bulletin to help kids better engage in worship services
- cleaning and updating children's space in the church building
- following through on Safe Sanctuary policies and training
- training teachers and volunteers
- getting more people involved
- finding alternative ways for young people to engage
- intentionally creating intergenerational activities and mentoring opportunities
- providing service opportunities
- spotlighting a young person to help the congregation get to know our children

**Point People:** Kevin Walker + The MORE Kids! Ministry Team, Julia Crone

*God's power at work in us can do far **more** than we dare ask or imagine. - Ephesians 3:20*