

*St John's United Methodist Church
28 Cataract Ave Dover, NH 03820
July 1, 2009 – December 31, 2011*

Mission of St. John's United Methodist Church: Empowered by the Holy Spirit, St. John's provides a loving and supportive God-centered environment where people with a variety of beliefs and gifts can become disciples of Jesus Christ through worship, study, witness, and service to the community and to the world.

GOAL I: GETTING TO KNOW GOD

Evaluate places in the life of St. John's where we may be unintentionally excluding people from worship and from participation in our faith community.

"Show proper respect to everyone." – 1 Peter 2:17 NIV

- Evaluate our Sunday worship and programming experiences and scheduling by March 31, 2010. This would include but not be limited to: considering the creation of a service to reach college age students and young adults; facilitating participation by the youth and Sunday School staff in worship; offering educational opportunities for adults. **(Worship Committee with representation from Education)**
- Create an accessible church facility by completing the installation of an elevator by December 31, 2010. **(Trustees)**
- Create a group by October 1, 2009, to help St. John's explore the concept of becoming a reconciling congregation. This group will report to Church Council at least every June until a decision is made. **(Church Council)**

GOAL 2: GETTING TO KNOW ONE ANOTHER

Create a greater sense of community where each person feels embraced by the love of Christ through fellowship with sisters and brothers.

"...Be active in sharing your faith, so that you will have a full understanding of every good thing we have in Christ." – Philemon 6 NIV

- Create the volunteer position of “Small Group Coordinator” to facilitate the connection of people with groups, and groups to resources. **(Lay Leadership working with small group leaders)**
- Create at least two new small group offerings which may meet weekly, monthly, or for a specific purpose. **(Small Group Coordinator)**
- Create at least one large off-site social gathering each year for the next two years. **(Church Council)**
- Create a sense of passionate spirituality by continuing to tell our faith stories during worship at least four times a year for the next two years. **(Pastor)**
- All members of Church Council, Witness Committee, Ushers, and Greeters shall complete the Rethink Church 101 Welcoming Training course prior to September 1, 2010. **(Church Council)**

GOAL 3: GETTING TO KNOW OUR NEIGHBOR

Increase our involvement with our local and worldwide community.

But how can people call for help if they don't know who to trust? And how can they know who to trust if they haven't heard of the One who can be trusted? And how can they hear if nobody tells them? And how is anyone going to tell them, unless someone is sent to do it? That's why Scripture exclaims,

A sight to take your breath away! Grand processions of people telling all the good things of God! – Romans 10:14-17 (The Message)

- Continue support of annual Katrina Mission team. **(Patrick Murphy)**
- Create teams at least semiannually to work with Habitat for Humanity or the Fixit Program for Seniors, beginning in Fall 2009. **(Lay Leadership for non-voting representatives to Outreach)**
- Recruit youth and young adults for summer 2010 and 2011 UM ARMY teams or other mission opportunities. **(Education/Youth Director)**
- Perform a feasibility study to explore additional opportunities for service to the local community by Summer 2010. **(Council Chair)**