

TOWN HALL QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

1. How do we connect to our members and constituents of Plantation UMC?

- Table A: Determine first the members that are here and who has moved away.
- Table B: Call people like we did during COVID. Call on birthdays and anniversaries
- Table C: - Mission projects
- Men's Fellowship
- Table D: Phone calls or/and cards to people we know are not coming saying "I miss you - what can we do to help you get back to worship." Involve active members. Simple way to connect with church when there are problems such as sick family or other issues. Such as care
- Table E: Pew responsibility - take note of who is around you. Follow up with families who had kids baptized. Make personal connection with absent members. Reinstitute "Friends Program". Senior Pastor do home visits.
- Table F: Emails, phone calls, follow-up with a card.
- Table G: Phone call
- Table H: Reach out. Reestablish Sunday School classes, Evensong, Bible studies. Visits for closed. Musical/play skits communicate available for entire congregation.
- Table I: Easy to watch - not come. Cannot shut down again. Calls did not work.
- Table J: No Reply
- Table K: By phone.
- Table L: Make personal calls to members & friends in small groups - call members.
- Table M: Reconnect through phone, text, email, and if possible, a personal visit. A team could be created - a "Reconnection Team." This team could be made up of different demographics to connect with the members. This team can try to determine why these members have stopped coming. Is it Covid related, have people moved, have people gotten comfortable with virtual church?
- Table N: More in-depth information about church activities. Connect with a face. Mission Moment.
- Table O: - Call, email or text
- Visitation limited due to Covid
- Check County records
- Check Church Directory for phone numbers
- Table P: -Abba Concert / Summer Event for families
- Free Clinics for adults; - Hamburgers/Salads/Beverages, - Inflatables for kids
- Table Q: Difficult due to Covid Restrictions
- Table R: We work our way through the church roles, and invite each person to connect to a groups, activity, mission, ministry at least once each year.

2. How do we connect to the new people, the unchurched in our community?

- Table A: Outreach advertising (money for this?) Encourage volunteers to reach out to members to come back to worship. Provide transportation for those who are unable to drive.
- Table B: Neighborhood outreach from PUMC members to people in their neighborhoods. Hold events at church that are open to the public. Concerts, food truck event, garage band concert, high school band or chorus.

- Table C: Follow up with new people visiting.
- Real Estate - find out new people in ares
 - Advertising
 - Announcing Sunday Classes, Small Groups, Adult Study Groups, Sports
 - Expand Schools
 - Community wide dinner
- Table D: - Real estate pruchases
- advertising (flyers on doors)
 - FLUMC.org church near your zip code.
- Table E: - Contact new homeowners in the surrounding area (Welcome to the neighborhood")
- More follow-up with Pumplin Patch attenders.
 - Off campus activities to attract young families (i.e., bike rodeo, etc.)
 - Bring back Sunday school to 11:00
- Table F: Special events, extra food drive, pumpkin patch, nativity.
- Table G: Mailing
- Table H: - Door hangers
- Dinners
 - movie nights (invite neighborhood kids)
- Table I: - Internet presence
- Social Media presence - someone to do it
 - Baptism families - come back?
- Table J: No Reply
- Table K: Strike up conversation - invite to service.
- Table L: - How do we know they are unchurched?
- Invite to an event
 - Distribute brochures during Harvest Festival
 - Hold a community-wide dinner - all neighbors are invited
 - Advertise on lawn for drive-by's
 - Door knockers
- Table M: Increase our visibility. Be more visible in community events, like the holiday parade. Is there a opportunity for a community outreach team to volunteer in schools or at organizations in out community that need assistance?
- Table N: Pumpkin Patch
- Table O: - Use Visitor Sign Up cards to call people
- Community programs
 - Food Drives
- Table P: Big Concert
- 6 to 8 Old Music (1970 - 1980) Target 40's+
 - 8 to 10 Rap Music - targets 25+
- Thru the school - in front @ the morning
- Talk to the community leaders and do an event to clean beaches
 - Clean or paint houses
- Table Q: Participate in Community Events, but not to preach. Go where the people are.

Table R:

- We take advantage of events at the church to promote our services and opportunities.
 - Consider having an info booth/table with flyers/info cards to hand out as guests are leaving activities at the church (e.g. rummage sale) with church information & opportunities available (KAP, Bible studies...) (and maybe candy to draw them in :-). And maybe a Prayer Corner too.
- See if we can help fill some volunteer needs at PAL functions across the street.
- Offer the music programs at the middle school, and possibly elementary schools, the opportunity to perform in the sanctuary.

3. How do we get more persons involved with things that are already in motion such as: Friends of the PUMC library, Life Groups. Sunday School Mission and the After School Tutoring?

Table A: Zoom does not help. In person is always better. Many of us should make terh effort to reach out and encourage people to com pack in person.

Table B: Ministry Fair - tables in Fellowship Hall so people can talk to others who that are part of these missions.

Table C: No Reply

Table D: Spot light on Sunday Morning Worship. Tell about group/program and we might help you get involved (in 3 minutes or less). Enews!

Table E:

- Follow up when people volunteer
- Ask people personlly rather than by announcement

Table F: Get out of our comfort zone.

Table G: Explain all of them on paper and invite people to try them out.

Table H: Flyers or door hangers.

Table I:

- Life Groups - personal invitations.
- More options - need other groups like band.
- Are Boy Scouts still here?

Table J: Each week have a group rep invite & describe their group, in service.

Table K: Have a rep from each group tell the congregation about the group during worship.

Table L: Comes down to personally asking 1 on 1 to join. If you are in a group, ask persons to join.

Table M: Discuss them in worship. Are there missions on the PUMC website? Explain to members why & value of these missions. Have a virtual ministry fair to explain options of available missions & groups.

Table N: No Reply

Table O:

- Include Drivers for church members
- Include LifeNet volunteers

Table P:

- Contact High Schools for volunteers service for beach clean up
- Teams responsible of one program to bring family member to help in the executional part at a specific time.

Table Q:

- Enews articles
- Announcement slides
- Special mentions from the pulpit

- Table R: We ask them, one person at a time.
- Have a mission and ministry fair. Urge each person to find one thing that they can do this year (i.e. serve or participate in) &/or Highlight one group each month (as in the ministry moments that we used to do)

4. What do you think are the immediate needs of our community?

- Table A: Are you willing to provide transportation to and from worship for members that are in need.
- Table B: Are there other things like the food pantry, child care, after school programs, mentoring programs that we can do?
- Table C: Help people connect with
- job opportunities
 - Mental health
 - food
 - Racial justice concerns
- Table D: - Bus ministry/transportation.
- Contact local senior citizens community centers.
 - Contact county/city commissioners about needs (food-jobs).
- Table E: Know God. Communications - all kinds- needs to appeal to young families.
- Table F: - Affordable housing
- stressed and depressed.
- Table G: No Reply
- Table H: - Evening meetings in parking lot
- Open church with music in sanctuary
 - Spiritual awakening
 - Prayer and healing
- Table I: Community Activities for different age groups - don't know needs.
- Redefine Community - reaching out to western parts of the county.
- Table J: No Reply
- Table K: No Reply
- Table L: - Mental Health
- Food Insecurity
 - Unemployment
 - Grief
- Table M: - Mental Health Services
- Affordable Housing
 - Food insecurity
 - Rising costs, bills, utilities, child care, isolation
 - Reach out to city leaders for community needs. Is there a city social worker tht can help decipher needs?
- Table N: - Knowing neighbors (meeting)
- Support groups (mission day)
 - Emotional Support
- Table O: - Activities - like basketball court to attract youth
- Tutoring & Mentoring

- Table P: - Homeless
- Immigrants
- Mental Health Needs
- Table Q: - Childcare
- Job Services
- Food Stability
- Counseling
- Table R: I don't know. Perhaps we should visit the schools, possibly attending the SAF/SAC meetings at neighboring schools, offering to help as needed and as able. Listening to the day to day concerns puts us in a better position to understand their needs. The hazard is in committing more than we are able to deliver.
- Best guess:
- Tutoring
- Reading skills - for adults and for children (Is the "Each One, Teach One" program still in place with the library system?)
- Job readiness skills. interview prep...

5. Who and how can we partner with individuals, businesses and other nonprofit service organizations in our community?

- Table A: Members in the Chambers of Commerce for networking to find out what the needs of the community are?
- Table B: Connect with realtors to find who's new in the community. Ask Plantation Volunteer Fire Dept. to partner with the pumpkin patch. Attend Chamber of Commerce lunches. Find Non-profits we can partner with on projects.
- Table C: Connect with county supervisors about county senior citizen group contacts. Life net, Habitat - how can we help
- Table D: Plantation Historical Society/Museum. Put info about our church history and flyers. Reach out to teachers in our community, fire department and others for luncheon/support with guest speakers. Reach out to hospital workers, police, fire dept to say thank you.
- Table E: Re-establish past programs like Adopt-A-Child for Christmas. Float in Plantation Thanksgiving Parade.
- Table F: Art group, orchid group, offer our facility.
- Table G: None
- Table H: None
- Table I: Restart Boy Scouts, AA, - offer facilities to other group without charge or minimal charges for use of facilities (funerals).
- Table J: No Reply
- Table K: No Reply
- Table L: - Invite the leaders of those groups to come for a "Town Hall" to ask them to partner with us.
- Have a task force of PUMC Members to go out & ask.
- Table M: - Work with city leaders, other churches, local Chamber of Commerce.
- Determine the need in the community & figure out how to proceed.

- Table N: - LifeNet
 - Postcards w activities
- Table O: - Yearly Church could sponsor a fundraising dinner
 - Visit florists, restaurants, grocery stores, Chamber of Commerce
- Table P: No Reply
- Table Q: Find out how we can help other agencies within the community and sinc our service to their needs.

6. Are there any other questions you may be passionate about and would share?

- Table A: Find a way to encourage younger members to participate.
- Table B: How can we have more of a connecion to the pre-school? Have information about pre-school included in the weekly church emails.
- Table C: No Reply
- Table D: Pot luck dinners with speakers on relevant topics. Younger people who might join prayers on Monday night. Prayer warriors that could be at the altar for people who are in need of prayer after church service. Committee to find people to connect with their passion/group.
- Table E: Make better use of the bulletin.
- Table F: Helping the stessed, depressed, spirituality connection. Stephen Ministry is the answer.
- Table G: No Reply
- Table H: Homeless community
- Table I: Funeral Charges to members?
- Table J: No Reply
- Table K: No Reply
- Table L: I believe our church is a great example of overcoming racism & social justice. Is there some forum for showcasing our church?
- Table M: How do we encourage more young families to join / attend? How do we create a more diverse leadership?
- Table N: Art Display
- Table O: How can we encourage more volunteers for in-church needs?
- Table P: How can we involve the young people into God's business?
- Table Q: No reply