

Categories/Themes – “Sticky Notes” Responses

1. Praises for the Things God has done in the life of our church.

Community – a sense of passion around spending time in fellowship and growing together

in community.

Fellowship

Small groups

Outreach - Caring for each other, outreach towards the mission of the church whether that

is reaching out to all community members or ensuring our worship service is accessible online.

Spiritual Growth – An intentionality of being grounded in faith is central to the congregation.

“Hope experienced”, “Replenishment”

Music ministry

Heart of service to the community (ministry of delivering food)

2. What needs in our community is God calling us to respond to?

Homelessness

Madison Homes – supporting with time and financial gifts

Food insecurity – feeding the hungry/food for hungry

Addiction – drug

People who are hurting

Care for basic human rights/needs – a passion for helping provide care toward those who

experience struggles

Connection – yearning for connection whether that be friendships or a need for volunteers

to support. A core desire to reach others in a united spirit which echoes back to

how

we value community as well.

3. In what ways do you hear God calling us to love one another better?

Acceptance of one another putting differences aside

Intentional connections with others

Connection – organizing visitations to member homes, homebound, nursing homes.

Remembering who is not always included and who cannot always attend Sunday morning or other events

Being present for one another

Speak out against the culture of hatred

Stay connected during divisive times

Loving and opening to those who have felt left out of religion

Unity – a call to be a church that does not give into worldly fractures, disinterest in division

Spiritual Growth – Continuation of opportunities for spiritual growth, some that may be in our wheelhouse and others that might be a new adventure

Service – “volunteering”, “engagement” and “serve”. A clear interest in helping people get plugged in and discover where God is leading them through their gifts as disciples.

4. What beautiful thing does God have in store for our future together?

A community of unity and acceptance

An inclusive welcoming church -There is a notable desire to live into the call of being the church – a community where all are welcome, loved, and valued.

A safe place of belonging

“More than we can imagine”

Growth – hopes of a flourishing future than involves more involvement but also has a foundation of love.

Renewal of hearts and minds that propel us into transformative work in the Holy Spirit
God’s people showing God’s love to the world!

Deeper relationships with each other

Being a beacon of (and force for) love

Trust in God – knowing that God has plans for significant transformation & positive impact.

Core Values From “Sticky Note” Comments

As we look at our core values and ministries that make us who we are at Richmond FUMC, we are serving our community in many ways. We want to do better at what we do as a church. The question becomes, how can we do this more effectively? What’s stopping us? How can we engage the church more effectively?

Key Core Values

Connection ~ Intentionality in Relationships (Homebound, Nursing Home, Missing People)

Community and Fellowship

Community Outreach ~ Forming Relationships

Increase Ministry to Homeless

Feeding Ministries

Addiction

Personnel

Finances

Engagement of the church

Creativity

Intentional Spiritual Gifts

Volunteers ~ Announcements – Personal Ask

Example MMC

- Underpromoted and understaffed
 - Groups using the MMC. Wellspring Home School, Basketball (Guardian), AA, Pickleball

FUMC Offerings

- Summer Opportunities
 - Walking Track

Volunteers