

# **Council Retreat 2005 – Building a vision for 2005 and beyond**

## **USHERING**

Opening and closing church on Sundays

Ensuring usher duties are done:

- Comfortable temperature in sanctuary
- Bulletins distributed
- Head count
- Collecting offering
- Assisting with communion
- Ringing bells during Lord's Prayer
- Dimming and raising lights
- Straightening and cleaning up pews after worship

2005

Greeters

Name tags for Ushers and Greeters

## **SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT**

2005

Deepening relationship with Christ through:

- Promoting mission offerings/events
- Lay visitation of shut-ins
- Communion stewards
- Book discussions

## **MUSIC AND WORSHIP**

2005

The age of our choir  
Saturday service  
Blending worship and music  
Musical instrument variety  
Music lessons  
Junior choir

## **CALENDAR**

2005

Communications with church and outside church

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## **FINANCIAL**

2005

Stewardship  
Bar graph vs numbers  
Publish ways to give to the church

## **PROPERTY**

2005

Focus on inviting

## **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

Teacher training events  
Curriculum ordering  
Organize contests for children at church picnic  
Recognize children on Rally Day/ Promotion Day  
Tinsel Sunday activities  
The Living Cross service  
Special educational events

2005

Focus that CE is not just for children  
Offer classes for all ages  
Publish educational offerings to church and beyond  
Involve children more in life of church

## **ALTAR**

Ensuring liturgical colors are appropriate for season  
Setting up and taking down altar for communion  
Ordering altar flowers  
Decorating altar and sanctuary for special celebrations  
Replenishing supplies in pews  
Ordering all communion supplies and candles  
Maintain and clean altar clothes

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## **MEMBERSHIP**

Follow-up with visitors

Confirmation class 50<sup>th</sup> reunion

Shut-in liaison through:

- Special service – honor shut-ins
- Special gifts

### **2005**

Follow-up with visitors:

- Personal letter
- Survey

Shut-in liaison through:

- Post cards

Send shut-in tapes of service.

Missing members follow-up

Shut-in cards signed by members

Connect Sunday School with older members

## **FELLOWSHIP**

Refreshments at congregational meetings

Refreshments for Wednesday Lenten Services

Church dinners

Tinsel Sunday

### **2005**

Cater to non-members

Ecumenical gatherings

Open house for community

Church dinners – spaghetti dinners that are regularly scheduled

Fellowship between services

Pancake breakfast and/or dinner

## **COUNCIL CONCERNS**

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Church Picnic