



## Meeting Minutes

Team Name: **Discipleship Pathway Ministry Team**

Date: 8/21/25

Time: 12:30p

Note Taker: Elizabeth Goodin

### Participants

- Marty Hannah
- Steve Hannah
- Dave Rais
- Marcia Rais
- Elizabeth Goodin

### Agenda

Begin planning for Rally Day on Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, where we will introduce HUMC's Discipleship Pathway to the congregation and gather input from church members on how we can further support their spiritual growth.

### Meeting notes:

Steve introduced a book he is reading entitled [Calling on Fire: Reclaiming the Method of Methodism by Ashley Boggan and Chris Heckert](#)

- A short description: *Many Methodists today feel adrift and seek to renew their churches. Calling on Fire draws on Methodist history as a guide for faithful, effective ministry, offering practical tools rooted in real-world experience. It helps churches facing decline rediscover their mission through field preaching, micro-communities, social engagement, and bold leadership.*
- Steve highlighted a section of the book that talked about Grace Groups, small groups of 8-12 that meet regularly for spiritual support. Time is set aside at these gatherings for Soul Tending, God Sightings and Growing in Grace.
- Groups similar to these might play an important role in a discipleship-focused church community like Hudson UMC.
- We'll stay tuned for more learnings from this book as we progress through our discipleship pathway work.



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**Rally Day:** (Refer to the Definition of Discipleship Pathways document attached below and on Google Drive)

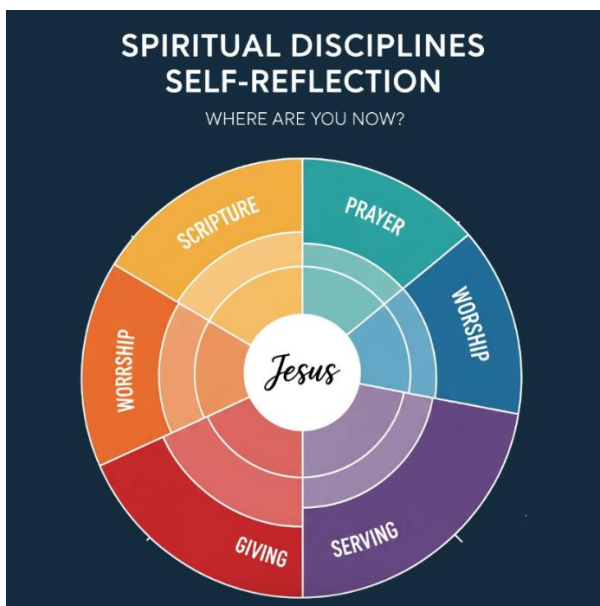
### Set-Up:

- 6 round tables: randomly seated; if larger crowd, pull out more chairs
- Make use of PowerPoint presentation slides and large Monitor (currently on stand outside sanctuary)
- Sound system and 2 microphones
- List of discussion questions provided at each table

### Four Parts (one-hour meeting):

1. Define the discipleship pathway
2. Introduce the six keys to discipleship
3. Participants' self-assessment
4. Gather members' input on how the church may support them in their spiritual growth journeys

### Self-Assessment Grid:



### Suggested Edits:

List 6 categories in order:

1. Worship
2. Small Groups
3. Scripture
4. Prayer
5. Giving
6. Serving

Include more concentric circles

### Preliminary list of discussion questions (which we may continue to edit before Rally Day):

- What are some experiences or practices that have been meaningful for you and have deepened your relationship with God?
- How is Hudson UMC currently supporting you in these practices?
- How may Hudson UMC **further** support you in these practices or in growing in the six key discipleship areas?



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- In which area(s) would you most like assistance?
- What barriers or obstacles have you encountered in pursuing growth in these areas?
- In the area of discipleship, what would you like to see more of at Hudson UMC?

### Rally Day Leadership Assignments

1. Define the Discipleship Pathway – **Steve**
  - a. Need to answer, “Why are we coming in front of you?”
  - b. Definition of Discipleship Pathway
2. Introduce the Six Keys to Discipleship, with examples – **Elizabeth**
3. Self-Reflection Activity – **Kallie**
4. Discussion Questions at tables – **Marty**

### Other Notes:

- Books for Breakfast is assigned to Fellowship on September 14<sup>th</sup> (Point Person: Michelle Novosel)
- Add mission opportunities to Elizabeth’s GIFT article for handouts (OR make September GIFT available for listing of current discipleship opportunities)

Action items	Responsible person	Due date
Make edits to self-assessment grid	Kallie	
Arrange for sound system to be set up in CAC on Rally Day.	Elizabeth	
Create list of questions, grid worksheets, and make multiple copies.	Elizabeth	
Make multiple copies of relevant pages in the September GIFT.	Elizabeth	

### Next Meeting: TBD

### Attachment:

### Definition of Discipleship Pathways at Hudson United Methodist Church

**At Hudson United Methodist Church, our Discipleship Pathway is a journey of spiritual growth.** We believe discipleship doesn’t happen alone—it happens in community. That’s why we walk alongside one another, offering guidance, resources, and a supportive environment where faith can deepen. *Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, you are welcome here—to find a home among us, where we can learn and grow*



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*together.* Through learning, worshiping, and serving side by side, we grow as followers of Christ—stronger in spirit, united in purpose, and grounded in love.

### The 6 Keys to Discipleship:

1. Attending Worship
2. Participating in small groups
3. Reading & reflecting on scripture
4. Praying daily
5. Giving to support the church's ministry
6. Serving the church and community

### Self Reflection Activity:

#### *The Keys to Spiritual Growth*

1. **Know** where you are
2. **Plan** to intentionally take a step
3. **Meet** others where they are
4. **Help** them to take a step

*Review the following chart and reflect on where you are currently on your spiritual journey for each of the keys to discipleship.*

