



Hudson United Methodist Church

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Meeting Minutes

Team Name: **Discipleship Pathway Ministry Team**

Date: 8/4/25

Time: 4:00p

Note Taker: Elizabeth Goodin

Participants

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

Agenda

1. Addressing action items from 7/8/25 meeting
2. Sharing learnings from *Stride: Creating a Discipleship Pathway for Your Church* by Mike Schreiner & Ken Willard

Meeting notes:

In response to the prompt, **Disciples at HUMC are (doing) ____, ____, ____, ____, and ____.** (place in order based on differing levels of commitment – starting point > next step >...) the group generated the following list:

- Regularly attending worship
- Participating in small groups
- Reading and reflecting on scripture
- Praying daily
- Generously giving financially to the ministries of the church
- Serving the church and community
- Serving in a leadership role in the church
- Mentoring and/or coaching other disciples



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Rather than focusing on the church budget or attendance numbers, the church's focus ought to be on creating an environment where people may learn about and grow in the above disciplines. We would like to seek input from our congregation on what that environment might include in order to support their needs in these areas. Our hope is that by involving others in developing HUMC's discipleship pathway, they will gain ownership in the process and assume responsibility for their individual discipleship paths.

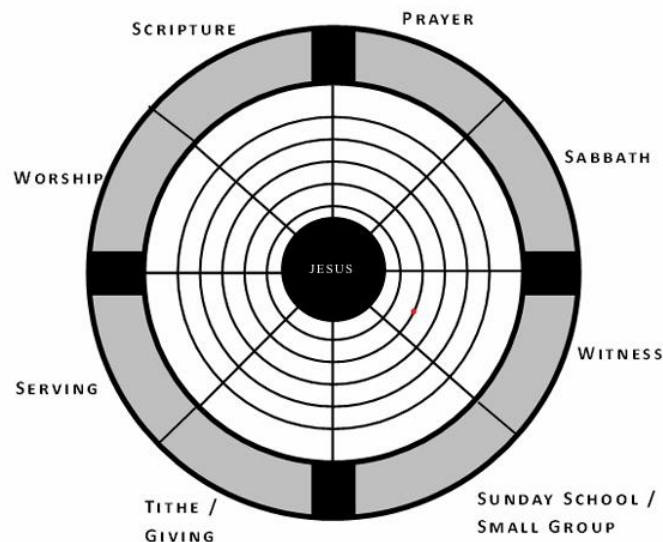
We talked about using **Rally Day** on September 14 as an opportunity for the Discipleship Ministry Team to define the discipleship pathway for our congregation, introduce the above keys to discipleship, and gather members' input on how the church may support them in their spiritual growth journeys. We're asking our members to begin to think about church in a new way, where they can grow spiritually and serve God.

Set-up:

- Round tables
- Members randomly seated
- Discussion questions/talking points provided at each table
- Large paper for recording and later all-group sharing
- Provide a Zoom option

Spiritual Disciplines Self-Reflection exercise: (from p. 16 of the *Stride Participant Workbook*)

- As part of responding to a set of discussion questions, we would ask participants to self-assess *Where are you now?* in the various discipleship disciplines using something like the grid below:





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Preliminary thoughts on questions for discussion:

- What do you do in your daily life that deepens 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 discipleship areas listed?
- What barriers or obstacles have you encountered in pursuing growth in these areas?
- In which category would you like assistance?
- What is missing for you?
- In terms of support in growing as a disciple, what do you wish was available here that isn't?

Promotion of the event ahead of time:

- Invitation moment during worship
- Publish the grid in the bulletin

Action items	Responsible person	Due date
Kallie volunteered to write a preliminary introduction to the discipleship pathway that we might share with the congregation. She will create a Google doc and share it with the Discipleship Ministry Team.	Kallie	
Provide edits and input on the contents of the document.	All DPMT members	

Next Meeting: TBD