

LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE

REPORT TO COUNCIL DEC 2016

It was fun to see so many wearing their church t-shirts on T-shirt Sunday! These shirts are being seen and noticed throughout our community as people continue to wear them while out volunteering for our church. We have a good supply of shirts available in three different styles at the ASK ME DESK. Rev Steve and Jeremiah continue to give them away to all new members.

The Committee is looking back at our original plans and core values that point to helping our neighbors and determining how FUMC can meet some of the needs of the children of the area. There are many organizations in the area including other churches, the library and Rotary Club currently helping the kids. We heard reports from church members and staff updating us on what is being done through our Corner to Corner project, popcorn ministries, and volunteers from our church working at Truscott and Bill Reed. There is so much help needed for children in the area including the approximately 450 homeless children in the Thompson school district.

Consideration is being given to either development or participation in a committee of representatives from each of the groups that are helping the children of the community. This group of representatives would help to organize and streamline the volunteer efforts. We are looking at ways to develop awareness of the children that come into our building during the week. We have considered among other things, posting pictures of the kids on our slideshow, inviting representatives from the schools to speak to our Sunday School Classes, and additional articles in the Profile and Window.

Many thanks to those members who are finishing their 3 year term on this committee: They are Andrew Haines, Larry Hagen, Kevin Wible, Pam Erickson, & Norma Flaming