

The Beacon

September, 2010

PLEASE NOTE WORSHIP SCHEDULE CHANGES!

We do not want anyone to miss an opportunity to worship God together

Last 9:25 AM Summer Worship on Sunday, September 5

10:25 AM Worship & 6:30 PM Sunday Night Alive Worship resumes September 12.

SMALL GROUPS RESUME
AND SOME NEW ONES
BEGIN THIS MONTH—
PLEASE JOIN US FOR ONE
OR MORE!
SEE PAGE # 5

Congregational Meeting,
Sunday, September 26 @ 12:00 Noon
in the Christian Education Center
To call the Rev. Sara Worcester as
Pastor for Caring Ministries
More information on page 6.

Sunday, September 12 is
Christian Education
Registration Sunday
See Page 3 for Details.



All-Church Potluck!!!
September 12 after Worship
All are welcome!

The Worship and Caring Ministry is hosting a potluck lunch to celebrate this reunion of our church family as Pastor Michael returns from his sabbatical to lead us in Worship on September 12. We will have rolls, deli meats and cheeses, coffee and lemonade for all. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share and join us in welcoming Pastor Michael home.

Michael Bush returns from Sabbatical This Month

We welcome back our Senior Pastor, Michael Bush, who will conclude his three-month Sabbatical this month. Michael will return to his pastoral role on Wednesday September 8, and will lead us in worship on Sunday September 12 @ 10:25 AM & 6:30 PM. Michael asks for your prayers as he transitions back into the life and ministry of EGCC.

If you can't bring a dish please consider helping us set-up on Sept 11 at 4:30 PM in the CEC or staying after lunch on Sunday to assist with resetting the CEC for Sunday Night Alive Worship.

From Christians to Disciples

My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

Jesus in the Gospel of John 15:8

Over the last several years, fewer and fewer people who are part of church communities are identifying themselves as “Christian.” For example, on the social networking website, Facebook, each individual has the opportunity in his/her profile to fill-in the category called “Religious views.” People whom I know are members of churches mostly do not write “Christian,” but rather “disciple of Jesus” or “Follower of the Way,” or “Christ-follower.”

This may have something to do with so-called “Christians” over the years living and speaking in very un-Christ-like ways. Some want to distance themselves from those who claim the name “Christian,” but have lived in ways of judgment, condemnation, neglect, hatred, selfishness, scarcity, fear, and more.

Others are not so concerned about the bad reputation of some Christians, but are more concerned that “Christian” really does not mean anything much at all, and so they reject this label. “Christian” for many people over the years has been about a status, a condition, a state of being, a membership in an institution, but not about a way of life, love, or transformation.

If this trend to embrace “discipleship” over and above a static “Christianity” in any way represents a spiritual awakening to the Life for which we were made and to which Jesus calls us, I am all for it. In the Bible, the word “Christian” occurs just three times. The word “Christianity” is absent entirely. But the word “disciple” can be found over 250 times!

The word “disciple” can mean “student,” but it means more than that in the Biblical stories. A disciple was someone who did not just learn from a teacher (or rabbi), but was someone who followed the teacher, seeking not only to know what the teacher knows, but also to be like the teacher -- to do what the teacher does. A disciple of Jesus is someone who seeks to learn what Jesus knows and who seeks to do what Jesus does. To be a Christian has sometimes been just about a membership, an affiliation, a designation. To be a disciple of Jesus is about living the Way of Jesus – a Way that receives and shares love, healing, and hope in the world by the power of God’s Spirit at work in us.

Rev. Brian D. McLaren talks about this distinction between “Christian” and “disciple” in his book, *A New Kind of Christianity: Ten Questions That Are Transforming the Faith* (which will be a book we will use for a Sunday evening study later this year). McLaren writes, “We might say that *Christians* are people who have entered a certain sedentary membership or arrived at a status validated by some group or institution, while *disciples* are learners (and unlearners) who have started on a rigorous and unending journey or quest in relation to Jesus Christ,” (p. 28).

As I rejoin you this month, I pray we, the community called East Granby Congregational Church, more and more let go of any of the inertia of “sedentary” Christianity and embrace the disciple way that moves and lives and loves with Jesus. I look forward to what God’s Spirit will do this month with, among, and through us!

Love in Jesus,
Michael Bush
Senior Pastor

News and Notes from Pastor Sara

Dear Friends & Members,

Greetings to all in the spirit of new things and times of beginnings. September can mean changes abound or routines return. Which one is you?

For me I think about the concept of “time” and wow, God’s timing is amazing. I mean seasons that reflect times of rest or harvests or new life inform every part of nature what they can expect to happen next. Our Creator created time long before we invented clocks. And I think that the Lord’s time has a better pace and seems more gentle to me than our rushed version of watching time, or keeping time, or trying to make more time. Ok, you’re likely wondering where Pastor Sara is going with this train of thought.

Well, as I end my time at Wilson Congregational Church I find myself also beginning time at EGCC. Both of those statements represent gifts of time. That is I see time itself and the passage of time as a gift that God has, is, and will always be trying to give to us. How we see time, how we use time, or how we share time with others is like us creating gifts all the time, moment by moment. Sometimes we may want to give back time, others to take back time, and still other times make more of it. I will be spending more and more time with both young and old in our congregation and for that I am thankful to God. Whether I’m in the pew or the pulpit, or sitting on a chair in one of your homes my prayer will be that with this blessing called life we make the **most of the time** we have and strive to create JOY whenever possible.

For the families of teens in our church a special word as the YOUTH GROUPS start up this Fall. I promise our time with your precious kids will be about **Fun, Faith, and Fellowship** that makes time fly with the abundance of life God wants them to know and to share! Now is the time! Now is the gift God wants us all to receive. May we do it ‘One Day at a Time’ and walk this journey together!

Peace Always,
Pastor Sara

Sunday, September 12th, is Registration Sunday!

On September 19, Fall classes begin for Preschool, Workshop Rotation Model (K-5th grade), 6-8th grade, and Confirmation. Preschool and Workshop Rotation Model classes will meet in the Christian Education Center (aka the CEC or Round Room) classrooms. The 6th – 8th grade class will meet in the Buttaro Room. All classes except Confirmation will meet after a Time with Children ends in worship. Confirmation Class meets from 8:45 A.M. to 10:15 A.M (before Worship) in the Buttaro Room. If you have children in preschool through 8th grade, you may register them after worship on September 12 in Fellowship Hall or you may register your child(ren) online instead at www.egchurch.org/registration

One Day At A Time Study

September 19-December 19. No meeting on November 28.

Facilitated by Pastor Michael Bush

Do you . . .

worry too much ?

battle stress and tension?

struggle with compulsive or addictive behavior ?

feel trapped by self-condemnation, guilt and regret ?

sabotage relationships with destructive behavior ?

worship regularly but feel bogged down in pious clichés and empty ritual?

wonder about ways you could deepen in your spiritual life?

If any one of these fit your experience, then this next Sunday evening group may be helpful for you. After considering his own need for change, Trevor Hudson, author of *One Day At A Time*, took a fresh look at the iconic Twelve Steps used by Alcoholics Anonymous. He discovered that these practical guiding principles of recovery can help you — whatever your struggle — reclaim self-worth and renewal.

"If you sense that God may be nudging you toward living for a change and you are not too sure how to go about it, these steps will guide and help you," he writes. "They will draw you into a more personal and living relationship with God and enable you to live with greater joy and freedom and serenity."

Whether you are new to the idea of 12-steps or have practiced them in the context of a specific recovery issue, we welcome you. If you joined us last time for this experience, you are invited to join us again (as we never “graduate” from the 12 steps, just as we never “complete” the spiritual journey). Whether you are seeking at this time “recovery” or “discovery,” come join us!

Each week prior to our meeting, we will read a chapter (which coincides with one of the twelve steps) and engage the exercises offered to enact the step. When we meet each Sunday evening we will use an additional resource from a “Spiritual 12-Step Program” guide, discuss questions, and share our experience, strength, and hope. Come and see!

Sign Up deadline September 5 (sign up on church bulletin board outside the office or by e-mailing office@egchurch.necoxmail.com).

Books in week of September 12 – pick up books and read Introduction.

Opportunities to Grow in Faith
Please join us for one of our weekly groups!

One Day At A Time Study—Sundays @ 7:20 PM See Page 4 for more information.

Early In The Morning Prayer - Wednesdays 6:30-7:00 am, in the Sanctuary

In the Scriptures we read that Jesus spent time with God "early in the morning." In that spirit, come join a group for a time of mid-week prayer in the sanctuary.

Eat the Cookie, Buy the Shoes—Tuesdays 12:30-1:30 PM, September 14—November 16. A study of the book by Dr. Joyce Meyers. Engrained in our culture is the belief that unbending discipline is the only sure way to success. You must go to the gym five times a week, never order the dessert, and don't even think about buying that dress you keep staring at in the store window. Breaking from such a regimented lifestyle is a sign of weakness, right? Wrong! - **Sign up by September 2 to order books.** This study is facilitated by Pastor Sara.

How do You Walk the Walk You Talk? Tuesdays 7:00-8:00 PM, September 14—October 19. This study of vital passages from Ephesians will help you discover what God says about the lifestyle of a true believer. And it will equip you to live in a manner worthy of your calling -- with the ultimate goal of developing a life marked by maturity, Christlikeness, and peace. Sign up by September 2 to order books. This study is facilitated by Pastor Sara.

Gospel of Matthew Group on Wednesdays 9:15-10:15 am, in Buttaro Room (Childcare Available!)-

"Do Unto Others" "Blessed are the poor" "Seek ye first" "Wise men from the east saw a star"
Have you heard any of these before? These are all quotes from the story of Jesus told in the Gospel of Matthew, the subject of our exploration on Wednesday mornings. If you have been looking to grow in connection with God and with others in your faith community, this is a great opportunity. If you have questions, please talk with Pastor Michael Bush who facilitates this group.

Exodus Group on Wednesday 6:30-7:30 PM — Come and join us as we study this second book of the Bible. We meet in the Buttaro Room. This group also meets at 5:30 PM the first Wednesday of the month to share a meal together. Resumes September 8 with Pastor Michael.

NEW Matthew Group on Thursdays 10:45-11:45 am, in Buttaro Room - see description of Wednesday morning group above. Pastor Michael facilitates this group. We close each time with prayer and a couple of hymns.

Yoga, Meditation & Prayer on Thursdays 7:00-8:30 PM— A time of movement, meditation and prayer in the CEC, led by Martha Parrish Bush. These yoga sessions focus on the spiritual and are intended for all physical ability levels. While we work with various yoga postures and breath, we practice inviting the spirit to move in and through us. We end our time together with meditation and prayer choosing to listen attentively to what God might want to say to us. This time is quiet, gentle, and honoring of God and all who come to seek God in this way and place. If you're curious, just come and see! Or ask Martha or Sally Mullen for more information.

Search Team Announces Choice for Pastor for Caring Ministries Position and Youth Ministries Coordinator Position

In the letter announcing the hiring of Lewis Vissia for Director of Discipleship for Children Youth and Families, our Search Team Chair, Karen Rhodes, reminded us of our congregational process that resulted in the formation of the search team to seek persons for three part-time positions, and explained the Search Team process to fill these positions.

Pastor Sara Worcester, who has served us for two years as Transitional Associate Pastor for Caring Ministries, applied for both the Pastor for Caring Ministries and the Youth Coordinator positions. Our Search Team discerned that Pastor Sara was the most qualified and the best overall fit with our ministries among the candidates whom they talked with and interviewed. The Search team recommended to Human Resources Ministry and then to the Church Council that Pastor Sara be hired for the Youth Ministries Coordinator position (which does not require an ordained pastor and does not require a “call”), and that Pastor Sara be presented to the congregation to be called to the Pastor of Caring Ministries position (which does require an ordained pastor and does require a “call”). HR and the Council have affirmed this recommendation.

Pastor Sara is currently finishing her important work with the Wilson Congregational Church. The Wilson church will be closing, and is celebrating their final worship service on September 12, 2010. After this, we will have a **Congregational Meeting at EGCC on Sunday September 26, 2010, following the morning worship for the congregation to vote, per our bylaws, to call Pastor Sara as our Pastor for Caring Ministries.** If the congregation votes to extend this call, Pastor Sara would start in both the Pastor for Caring Ministries and the Coordinator for Youth Ministries positions effective October 1, 2010. We invite your prayers and your participation as we move forward together. If you have questions about this process, please be in touch with Karen Rhodes, Search Team chair, Kathy Mock, HR Ministry Leader, or Jim Pestana, Moderator.

Sr. High Youth Group: September/October News!!!

(Mission- 'In His Steps')

All 9th-12th Teens welcome to attend*

Pastor Sara Joins our group this Fall

*1st & 3rd Sundays at 7:15pm and 2nd/4th will vary!

Every weekend Sept.-June

****Come meet for FUN, FAITH, and FELLOWSHIP!!! Bring your friends!****

Sunday September 19th: **7:15pm-8:45pm** "Start Up Meeting" in CEC
Bring a friend!

Sunday September 26th: **12:00pm-2:30pm** Hike, Outdoor Praise Time, &
Making Bag Lunches as a group! Sneakers and
Friends encouraged! Parents must sign permission
Slip with contact info!

Sunday October 3rd: **7:15pm-8:45pm** Topic "How Does Faith Affect Us?",
group games, and closing circle.

Sunday October 10th: **4:00pm-6:15pm** Miniature Golf & Ice Cream \$10.
Parents must sign permission slip with contact info.

Sunday October 17th: **7:15pm-8:45pm**
Topic "How Can Jesus Help us Today?",
Group games, closing circle.

Sunday October 24th: To Be Announced. A Fellowship event!

Sunday October 31st: **7:15pm-8:45pm** "Costume Party" with a twist!
Bring four canned goods to play or pay!!!
We play we pray!

Text Pastor Sara anytime, anywhere!!!! #413-374-6553 or
E-mail her: saraworcester@aol.com

AN ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASS?

I am thinking of leading an Adult Confirmation Class this year. We would meet on Sunday nights from 7:20 to 8:40 p.m. Our first day would be on September 19th and the class would come to a close in mid-May. The curriculum would mirror the 9th grade Confirmation class. This curriculum is Jesus-centered, focusing on his disciples, teachings, healings, crucifixion, resurrection and the Church that follows.

Some reasons why you might consider taking this Adult Confirmation Class:

- ◆ You've never been confirmed and would like to be.
- ◆ You think you were too young when you were confirmed and could not seriously consider the subject at that time.
- ◆ Your confirmation experience left a bad taste in your mouth and you'd like to try again.
- ◆ You'd like to attend a class that will cover the basics of the Christian faith.
- ◆ You'd like to help teach Confirmation class, but feel like you don't know enough to do so properly.
- ◆ You'd like to know the Confirmation curriculum better so that you can be a better prepared mentor for the 9th grade Confirmands.
- ◆ Your child(ren) attended Confirmation class in the past two years and you were intrigued by what they had learned.
- ◆ If you are at all interested, or have questions, please contact me, Lewis Vissia, at LVissia@egchurch.necoxmail.com or at 860.653.2987 ext 16. Thank you!

Men's Ministry Fellowship

Calling all men of the congregation. Our men's group began last spring, with a couple of successful events and lots of fun, service, and fellowship. We served breakfast to the congregation, and spruced up the church grounds with a work day in July. Our plan is to meet once per month, and continue to promote service, fellowship, and support in our congregation and community. If you are interested in participating, you are invited to join us for our first get together of the year on October 17th. Feel free to contact Cliff Gibson with any questions. Cliff's email is hootcig@cox.net, and home phone is 860-651-4423.

GOSPEL GUYS SAY THANKS!

We are pleased to announce that our first CD, "Knocking At Your Door," which was released in June, has completely sold out its initial printing of over 200 CD's! A huge shout out to all who generously purchased copies. The proceeds from the sale went entirely to the EGCC general fund. We trust that you've enjoyed listening to it. We are having more made, and if you are interested in ordering additional copies, please contact Sharon Morey in the church office. Thanks again for your continued support!

*Cliff Gibson, John Colbeck,
Ted Holly, and Dick Daggett*

Missions and Outreach

How would you like to spend Holy Week, April 17-23, 2011 serving someone in Appalachia? If you would be interested in serving with ASP during that week please contact Diane Forney either at 653-9113 or kaforney@juno.com. It would be a week of blessing and one that would certainly change your life.

Church Family Notes

Thank You to Heads Up Hartford

I would like you all to know how great the people are that take part in Heads Up Hartford. I happened to be visiting my mother, Myrtle Hunter, on her 98th birthday on June 29th at Higley Village. There were teenagers and adults working around the buildings there doing yard work, and it occurred to me that it might be a group from Heads Up Hartford. As I was trying to hang up a plant for Mom next to an overgrown rosebush, a woman with a wheelbarrow came up to me. She said she and her helpers were from Heads Up Hartford and could trim the bush and do some weeding around Mom's apartment. I said that would be great especially since it was her birthday. Shortly after, the woman (I wish I had asked her name) came to the door with her helper and a cupcake, and they both proceeded to sing Happy Birthday to Mom! This really pleased her and made her feel very special. Thank you to all who participate in this program – your work does make a difference.

Grace A. Kingsbury

Soup Kitchen

This year the need for food and shelter for the men in Hartford has been great and they never closed this summer. They were able to accommodate 60 men instead of the 100+ they assist in the fall and winter. Please consider helping out by cooking or coming down to the shelter and serving. It is a very rewarding experience and you'll be helping out those in need. Our upcoming dates are:

- Tuesday, Sept 14**
- Tuesday, Oct 5**
- Wed, Nov. 24th, day before Thanksgiving**
- Mon, Dec 27th, school break**
- Fri, Jan 28th**
- Tues, March 29th**
- Tues, April 26**
- Tues, May 17th**

Let me know if any of these dates work for you.
Thank you,
Lauren Farley

September Birthdays and Anniversaries



Happy September Birthday to:

- 1 Adam Korhonen
- 2 Stephanie Crane
- 3 Ted Ridgeway, Dot Higgins,
- 5 Adam Newhall
- 6 Kate Hoadley, Krista Juliano, Cullen Hall
- 7 Beth Birmingham
- 9 Todd Perkins
- 10 Rob Wilmot, Jennifer Wilson
- 11 Lisa Kallen
- 12 Kelly Hasenbalg
- 13 Pat Lang, Matt Turner, Tuesday McLean
- 15 Sherry Smith
- 16 Jessica Howard, Jordin Comstock
- 17 Maureen Brousseau Becky Gibson
- 19 Steve Holton, Jim Galloway Nancy Toussaint
- 22 Debbie Paskiewicz
- 23 Kendall Comstock, Kim Caterino
- 24 Jim Farley
- 27 Joyce Kennedy Raymes
- 28 Meghan Hasenbalg
- 29 Julie Ridgeway
- 30 Bob Crocker, Paul Ridgeway,

Happy Anniversary to:

- 3 Bill and Wendy Bowers
- 4 Ginny and Dave Trenholm
- 6 Orlando and Denise Martinez,
- 7 Chip and Jan McIsaac Heidi (Holliday) and Mark St. Jean
- 10 Elsie and George Tule
- 11 Carol and Art Schwartz
- 12 Liz and Rich Kellogg
- 22 Al & Michele Leadbeater

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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | 1 | 1 6:30 Early Morning Prayer | 2 10:45 Matthew Bible Study | 3 10-11 Food Pantry 1:00-6:00 Red Cross Blood Drive | 4 |
| 5 9:25 Worship | 6 Holiday Church Offices Closed | 7 6:45-9:00 Boy Scout Leaders, Fellowship Hall | 8 6:30 Early Morning Prayer 9:15 Matthew Bible Study 5:30 Exodus Bible Study Dinner 6:30 Exodus Bible Study 7:30 Senior Choir | 9 10:45 Matthew Bible Study 7:00-8:30 Yoga, Meditation & Prayer, CEC 7:00 Senior Bell Choir | 10 10-11 Food Pantry | 11 |
| 12 10:25 Worship 6:30 Sunday Night Alive | 13 7:15 All Ministries Gathering, Followed by Individual Ministry Meetings, CEC | 14 12:30 Eat the Cookie, Buy the Shoes Study 6:45-9:00 Boy Scout Leaders, F.H. & CEC 7:00 HUH Team Meeting 7:00 How Do You Walk the Walk You Talk Study | 15 6:30 Early Morning Prayer 9:15 Matthew Bible Study 12:00 Worship Staff 6:30 Exodus Bible Study 7:30 Senior Choir | 16 10:45 Matthew Bible Study 7:00-8:30 Yoga, Meditation & Prayer, CEC 7:00 Senior Bell Choir | 17 10-11 Food Pantry | 18 |
| 19 10:25 Worship Youth Choir Fol. Worship 6:30 Sunday Night Alive 7:15-8:45 Senior High Youth 7:20 One Day At A Time Study, Buttaro Room | 20 7:00 Church Council | 21 9:30-12:30 Quilters, F.H. 12:30 Eat the Cookie, Buy the Shoes Study 1:30 Prayer Group 7:00 How Do You Walk the Walk You Talk Study | 22 6:30 Early Morning Prayer 9:15 Matthew Bible Study 6:30 Exodus Bible Study 7:30 Senior Choir | 23 10:45 Matthew Bible Study 7:00-8:30 Yoga, Meditation & Prayer, CEC 7:00 Senior Bell Choir | 24 10-11 Food Pantry | 25 10:00 Heads Up Hartford Team Meeting Nursery School MUM Sale |
| 26 10:25 Worship Congregational Meeting Fol. Worship 12:00-2:30 Senior High Hike 6:30 Sunday Night Alive 7:20 One Day At A Time Study, Buttaro Room | 27 7:00 SrPRT, Buttaro Room | 28 12:30 Eat the Cookie, Buy the Shoes Study 7:00 How Do You Walk the Walk You Talk Study | 29 6:30 Early Morning Prayer 9:00 Beacon Mailing 9:15 Matthew Bible Study 6:30 Exodus Bible Study 7:30 Senior Choir | 30 10:45 Matthew Bible Study 7:00-8:30 Yoga, Meditation & Prayer, CEC 7:00 Senior Bell Choir | | |
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Bulletin Information is due by Wednesday.

All Beacon articles are due on the 18th of each month .
All articles are subject to editing.

If you would like to schedule meetings, events or make any changes to the church calendars, please call Sharon, or leave a note on the desk in the church office.

Communion Table Flowers

Sign up on the bulletin board in the lobby to offer to grace the Communion Table with flowers.

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| September 5 | Sally Raabe |
| September 12 | Betsy Mack & Lew Noble |
| September 19 | Dot Higgins |
| September 26 | Available |

September Greeters

Greeters are needed. Sign up on bulletin board in lobby.

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| September 5 | Lois Viets |
| September 12 | Wednesday AM Bible Study |
| September 19 | Available |
| September 26 | Available |

Fellowship / Coffee Hour

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| September 5 | Dudley & Gerri Watkins |
| September 12 | Wednesday AM Bible Study |
| September 19 | Available |
| September 26 | Available |

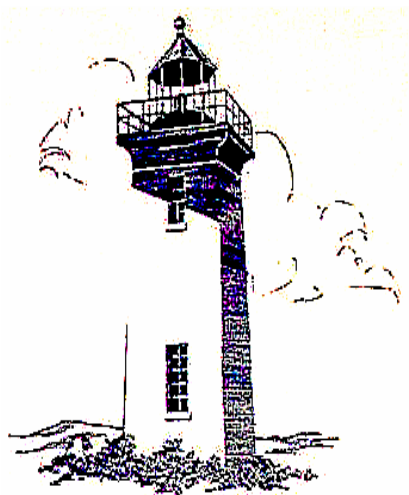
Audio Tech crew for worship services in the month of September is as follows:

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| September 5 | Kevin Bach |
| September 12 | Lew Noble |
| September 19 | Tom Horner |
| September 26 | Daniel McIsaac |

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PURPOSE STATEMENT:

East Granby Congregational Church, U.C.C.,
is called to receive the abundant Life and Love of God,
to love the LORD our God with all of our heart, mind, soul, and strength,
and to love our neighbors as ourselves.

With the power of the Holy Spirit, we will do this by:

- Seeking first the Kingdom of God
- Following Jesus Christ and being formed as disciples
- Serving our neighbors and equipping one another for ministry.