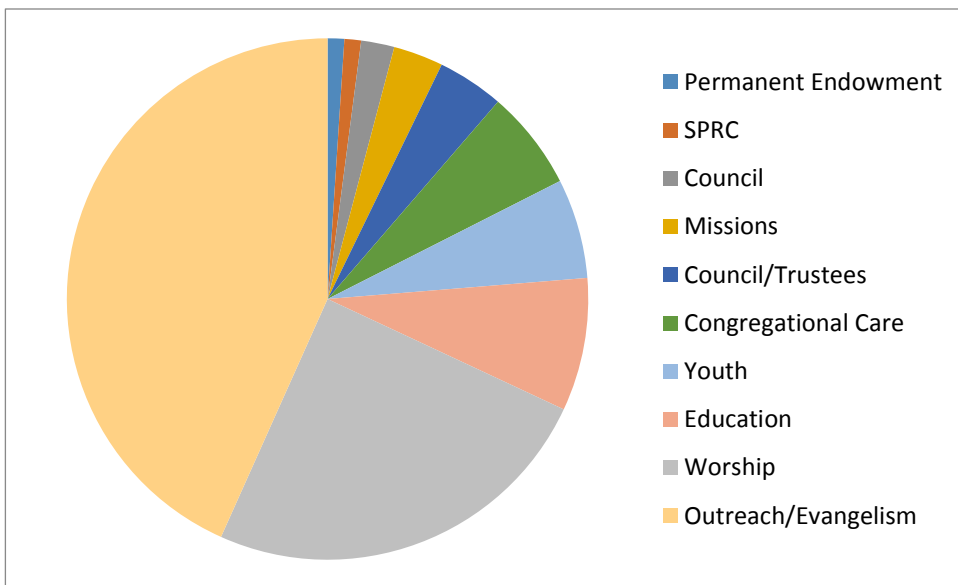


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Strategic Planning Ideas 2017 by category – those in **dark red** are being addressed. All others are still in need of a champion to lead the project, so if you see something that sparks your interest – speak up!

Congregational Care	
CONGREGATIONAL CARE-CLASS TO LEARN TO OPERATE AED, CPR	
Revival of parish nurse to help with aging population. Help with blood drives, flu shots, defib training , geriatric needs	Use the FLC as a gathering place of people to support each other in their journey to live a healthy life style
RIDE TO CHURCH PROGRAM: Have a "want a ride to church?" list so shut ins, older, anyone can call church or someone & there is a list of willing drivers	Strengthened congregational care - more consistent, more active, more outreach, more congregational involvement

Explore more of the talents/interests of the congregation.	New directory?
Council	
COMMUNICATION: INTERNAL, EXTERNAL, SOCIAL MEDIA, CONNECTING TO PEOPLE	
Communication assistance to help us determine how best to get information of various kinds to all members/attendees. Is what we do now effective? Would changes be beneficial?	Become a reconciled church
Education	
EDUCATION: ADULTS & YOUTH, PASTOR LED BIBLE STUDY	
Pastor-led Bible study on Sunday or Wednesday - not during Sunday school	Church-wide Bible Study
Father/son or daughter Lenten study.	Kids & adults together in Bible studies
	Have a women's retreat
Pastor to visit Sunday school classes.	Programming for older (senior?) adults, couples? Singles? Both?
Missions	
Adult mission trips - even if local. Get outside our walls	Adult mission trip.
Consider local "mission" trips to help those in need in our area	
Outreach/Evangelism	
MORE SMALL GROUP OPPORTUNITIES	
Men's group that doesn't meet at 6 or 7 a.m. Sat. Attract a variety of ages, address spiritual, social & service areas through activities it supports	More men's group opportunities than just an early Saturday morning get-together.
Small group campaign	Small groups or worship service.
Encourage new members to join groups by having a member of an existing group reach out	Winter support group/study group for young families
Start a "30-something" club. Family centered, maybe in homes.	Ministry for college age students or young adults. 18-25 age group
Consider small group discussions outside the church	More community outreach
Develop a wellness ministry for all age groups. It could promote health eating & lifestyles. Promoting the need to treat the body as a temple. It could help coordinate activities and events such as volleyball or hiking.	Have a committee that sponsors fun events for the congregation - laser tag or volleyball in the FLC. Involve youth & adult led activities
Women's group that doesn't meet at a time when many women are working.	
Ministry lost - gourmet group - connection of food, sharing recipes, meals, food & ideas	More potluck lunches/soup suppers
OTHER MISC IDEAS & OPPORTUNITIES	
Sponsor people in our church to attend Walk to Emmaus	To use visual boards of what is happening in the church & what is being worked toward

Connect with Neighborhood Centers of Johnson County - outreach to challenged populations & we will achieve greater diversity, too	Volunteer coordinator. People like to be asked, will respond more positively if asked directly rather than reading about it.
Art walk for disabled persons	New places for new people.
JOB BOARD: A jobs board specifically for Solon	Art classes mixed with Bible study.
For Earth Day 2017 distribute recyclable bags to community. (with logo) Plastic bags are choking our planet	For Earth Day distribute reusable shopping bags to community to promote church and health of the Earth.
Making Birdhouses	This town/community needs more trees and shrubs to increase wildlife/bird habitat & beauty. Maybe organize a "flyway?"
Watermelon or fruit tree in garden (submitted by a child)	Community garden/vegetable garden/flower bed (submitted by a child)
Taking care of animals/adopt some (submitted by a child)	Some way to organize painting or fix up help for elderly or those who need it
Work with other churches	Work with other churches
CARE FOR THOSE IN NEED:	
Community meals - involve local restaurants	Weekly fresh baked bread for the food pantry
Children in poverty early intervention	Needs of local community
A place for low-income families and individuals to wash laundry when they cannot afford the laundromat or get to it.	Care packages for foster kids in college - the sorts of things other kids get from home - pens, post-its, snacks, warm socks, gift card for coffee shop, book, etc. Each semester at start and end of term.
Household furnishings for foster kids getting their first place and homeless families moving into a home of their own - new and gently used.	Backpacks for kids is a ministry in Iowa City where kids are sent home with food for the weekend. This might be something that can be done with the food pantry
Adopt elderly at care center for weekly visits	Organized visits or activities involving those at the care center
Permanent Endowment	
LONG RANGE PLANNING TO USE P.E. INTEREST MONEY WISELY: More serious long-range thought on how to use P.E. interest money to benefit our programs and activities.	
SPRC	
Education staff member (to replace Renee) to provide oversight for education programming at all ages.	
Council / Trustees	
BUILDING PLAN/COMMITTEE:INTEREST IN FUTURE GROWTH, CURRENT SPACE UTILIZATION(NOT THE SAME COMMITTEE AS TRUSTEES), PHASE 2 OF BUILDING	
Need to continue our building program. Appoint a building committee.	Review and revise Phase 2 of our building plan.
Add Phase 2 of building program	Reorganize spaces

Worship	
Continue to have BRAVE conversations and sermons	Steer away from the "comfortable" topics. We have to in order to move forward.
NEW IDEAS FOR WORSHIP/FELLOWSHIP/HOSPITALITY:	
Have Sunday school classes take turns working fellowship	Radical hospitality - have coffee and water available in the narthex - to-go coffee cups and people can bring into sanctuary during worship
Make the FLC more amenable to worship and hold events	We have a lot of new members, do we need name tags?
A combined service every quarter or six months	Wednesday night services
Have kids give/help with the service	Wednesday night services
MUSIC:CHOIR DIRECTOR/MUSIC DIRECTOR, GROWTH OF MUSIC PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS & YOUTH	
I miss having the choir sing regularly. Music is a ministry that speaks to me.	Need new people for music. New music groups for the church.
Have a lead singer at the pulpit for songs	More choir singing
Contemporary worship service with praise band of adults led by music director	The choir sing more
Entire service of music with sing-along	Use the Holy Squirrels CD if no praise band
Have people feel comfortable to clap, sing, sway with a touch ore spirit to songs instead of standing like statues. Conservativeness during service.	Where has the music gone? Our worship services used to be filled with music. We would like to see it come back. That is one of the reasons we came here. Children's choir?
NEW FORMAT FOR WORSHIP: BEGIN AFTER EASTER, LED BY SAMI MCATEE & CASH TURNER, START AS SMALL GROUP, LAUNCH LARGER GROUP IN THE FALL: TWELVE:21 (SEE April Newsletter PG 4)	
Start a small group ministry with the intent that it could become a new worship experience.	
Adult praise band w/contemporary service - needed to help bring more youth and younger adults	I believe having one service being traditional and one contemporary will pull a variety of different people.
Reinstate a middle service. Some would like to go to church while their kids are in Sunday School. I feel like we lost a few people when it was taken away. It's the parents' choice if they want their children to stay for the later service.	Have a service the same time as Sunday school. I would like to go to a worship service and not be distracted by my children.
Youth	
Youth Bible teachings	Youth activity/sports/mind/spirit ministry
Baking together (submitted by a child)	Drawing/coloring (submitted by a child)
My dream is to teach youth sign language to the words of a Mark Wills song "In God's Eyes We Are All the Same" "Someday We'll All Have Angel Wings" then act it out for song/special music	Work with Solon Nature & Rec on improvements with youth