



1.15.20 - Prescription #4 Team Update

Transforming Relationships

The purpose of the Vibrant Church Initiative's Transforming Relationships Committee is to explore and communicate ways for each member of First United Methodist Church - Lufkin to respond to God's invitation to become a part of His transformative work. We will do that by encouraging the congregation to focus on its blessings, learn to appreciate each other as brothers and sisters in Christ, and engage in positive conflict resolution.

We began discerning ways to do that by reading "Crucial Conversations" by Kerry Patterson, et. al., and "Reconcile: Conflict Transformation for Ordinary Christians", by John Paul Lederach. We invite you to read those books. They present ways to develop trust and communicate effectively in a positive manner.

During Advent, each of the members of the committee took turns presenting "Ministry Moments" in each Sunday morning worship service. We hope those presentations helped you to focus on your many blessings and thank God for them.

Lent will bring another surge of helpful "hints" on how we can be more effective at "Making Disciples of Christ for the Transformation of the World."

The committee is brainstorming to find and communicate ways to be proactive in expressing the love of Christ through words and actions. Wouldn't it be wonderful if everyone could identify each of us as followers of Jesus by how well we relate to each other and resolve conflicts?

The members of the committee are Susie Shockley (Chairperson), Elisa Harris (Vice Chair), Kim Kadlec, Josh McMahon, Bill Moreau, Charles Newcomer, and Emily Smith. Please pray for us that we succeed in helping to make First United Methodist Church - Lufkin the best it can be at showing the love of Jesus Christ to the world; that we can and will do our part in "Making Disciples of Christ for the Transformation of the World".