

2023 Goals
Committee on Outreach, Mission, and Evangelism (COME)
Adopted February 26, 2023

1. Continue to expand **OUTREACH** efforts:
 - a. Encourage people in our faith community who raise joys and concerns, shared with permission during Sunday worship, to follow up with a written note, email, or telephone call. (For written notes: preprinted, stamped cards are available at the front of the sanctuary.)
 - b. When permission has been obtained, share known joys and concerns electronically to our faith community via a contact person.
 - c. Identify SUMC with everything we do on behalf of SUMC (e.g. contacts of any kind, labels/signs at functions when SUMC is being represented, name tags)
 - d. Provide information about SUMC to visitors at church and to others in the community (e.g. church brochure with contact and website information)
 - e. Invite people to attend Sunday services by personal invitation, and by posting information in various places such as campgrounds.
 - f. Keep people informed about Sunday School and Worship times, being consistent in all methods of information.
 - g. Keep the hymnal bookmark updated as needed, and available in the church pews.
 - h. Resume outreach ministries at Crestview Specialty Care (e.g. Bingo, Coffee & Devotions)

2. Plan activities and events to educate our faith community about **MISSION** efforts and provide ways for participation in mission opportunities of their choice:
 - a. As a faith community, openly acknowledge that mission participation takes various forms (e.g. giving money, giving time, and giving talents, prayer)
 - b. Maintain the mission bulletin board as a means to educate and inform the congregation.
 - c. Use technology to present information about specific Mission projects, and to direct people where to go for further details.
 - d. In addition to UMCOR Sunday, select at least two (2) special offerings each year to emphasize and promote.
 - e. Continue reaching out to help others locally, nationally, and internationally (e.g. “Special Circumstances” emergencies, local service projects, UMCOR, Mission Ingathering)

3. Explore how **EVANGELISM** happens and can be nurtured, keeping in mind that individuals are free to select opportunities for evangelism that work best for them:
 - a. Emphasize the idea that evangelism curriculum and/or learning opportunities for people of all ages.
 - b. Further efforts to offer evangelism curriculum and/or learning opportunities for people of all ages.
 - c. Encourage the congregation to openly welcome visitors, and to collect and give visitor contact information to the pastor.