

Dear Church,

Thank you for your continued prayers and participation in the discernment process. Based on your feedback and desire to express your views, the Discernment Team is conducting a short survey to “take the temperature” of the congregation. Based on the results, we will make a recommendation to Church Council on the direction of our church. THIS IS NOT A VOTE.

As a reminder, we will recommend one of the below:

1. Continue discerning
2. Stop discerning and remain affiliated with the United Methodist Church
3. Recommend a vote to decide whether to disaffiliate or not

The in-person opportunities to complete the survey will be the week of April 10<sup>th</sup>. Exact dates, times and location will be announced in next week’s newsletter. We will be mailing out surveys to the home bound and those that live out-of-town on Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup>. Returned survey’s must be postmarked by April 14<sup>th</sup> to be considered.

Please call the church office at 423-581-2180 by Thursday, March 30<sup>th</sup> to update addresses of out-of-town people.

In summary, this is not a vote but an opportunity to express your views for the direction of the church. The Discernment Team will review the results and make a formal recommendation to Church Council by the end of April.

In Christ,

Discernment Team