



"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord. Plans to prosper you and not to harm you. Plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11

Dear Congregation:

The Strategic Planning Task Force (SPTF) continued its important work during the busy Christmas season. During this time, SPTF drafted and has now presented to Leadership Council a written strategic plan that clearly identifies the next steps necessary to move our church forward. The written plan is the result of months of work by the SPTF that included prayerful consideration, along with intentionally listening and learning of the needs of our congregation along with those needs of our community. The written plan will guide growth within the church and for the church's outreach in the community over the next three years.

In close coordination with Leadership Council, SPTF is excited to share the details of the written strategic plan with all of you. We have scheduled for a variety of listening sessions and discussions that will be conducted in a Town Hall format:

#### UPCOMING TOWN HALLS

<u>Town-Hall Dates</u>	<u>In-Person*</u>
Sunday-January 23	Directly Following Worship (snacks provided)
Sunday-January 23	Vista Grande Villa at 3:00 PM
Wednesday-January 26	During <i>What-a-Wednesday</i> Meal at 5:30 PM
<u>Town-Hall Dates</u>	<u>Zoom** (<i>Zoom log-in information is found below</i>)</u>
Monday-January 24	6:30 PM
Thursday-January 27	6:30 PM
Tuesday-February 1	6:30 PM

\*Please note that with the rising COVID-19 case rates in our community, it may be necessary to alter or cancel some of the planned in-person gatherings. It is our desire to hold these meetings in person, but we are sensitive to the health and welfare needs of our congregation. If it becomes necessary to cancel any of the planned in-person sessions, we will pass this information on as soon as it becomes available.

The entire written strategic plan will be made available in the near future. We invite you to become engaged by reviewing the high-level summary of the plan attached to this correspondence.

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This is an exciting time in the life of our church. We look forward to discussing the strategic plan and how JFUMC will grow in spirituality, further serve our neighbors and community, and spread the gospel of Jesus Christ. As always, if you have any questions, please contact a member of the SPTF.

Blessings,

The Strategic Planning Task Force: Pastor Tonya Arnesen, Jan Hicks, Candy Poleski, Deacon Greg Lawton, and Jason Craft

\*\*To join the Zoom Meeting by video, go to

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88431467713?pwd=eINfVIFRNUJrdkpJWVR3aWtwUzdVQT09>

Meeting ID: 884 3146 7713

Passcode: 513079

To call in by phone, dial

646-558-8656 and use

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