

Summer 2017 Church Survey Results

The *Growth and Planning Committee* met on 7/15 and expressed thanks to the 33 individuals who responded to the survey. The overall results were positive, especially with regard to worship service, sermons, Morning Prayer with Eucharist on the 5th Sunday; scripture summaries in the bulletin; Sunday Service announcements following the peace and communication to members.

Opportunity for action:

1. **Music**—desire more upbeat, easy to sing, use of Gather Hymnal
2. **Healing Service**—desire quarterly; consider prayer team to be available after service
3. **Family Service 1st Sunday**—want children/youth to be more involved in the service
4. **New Year Renewal Vows/Resolutions**—honoring marriage sacrament is important; consider incorporating a special “wedding reception”
5. **Church in the Park**—continue on a once a year basis
6. **Rector Emails**—continue in weekly email; prefer shorter and more personal level
7. **Additional Services**—Contemporary Eucharist with contemporary music in a casual atmosphere on Sunday evening
8. **Christian Formation**—desire for guest speakers between services scheduled throughout the year; education on beliefs of different religious traditions; Gospels; Creeds/History; Gifts of the Spirit; History/Foundation of Anglican Episcopal; Understanding who we are as Episcopalians; Women of the Bible
9. **Church Group Activities**—Ranked highest to lowest interest: Movie Night at Church; Dinner Theatre; Royals Baseball; T-Bones; Museum Visit; Game night at Church; Bowling; Starlight Theatre—Other Suggestions included: *Retreats @Atchison/Conception; canoe trips; camp; visit other faith traditions; Ted Stillwell; CPR class; white elephant Bingo; Chiefs watch party; Bridge; Women/Men coffee/lunch groups; open house cookout Saturday(invite public); Bonfire cookout; Christian weight loss/exercise support group*
10. **Outreach**—Desire for education and communication to get more people involved; create a brochure; ask speakers from the organizations we support to share the value; new outreach could be focused on expanding to nursing home projects, environmental projects (trash pick up, tree planting); utilize our building during the week for community organizations

The next step is to begin incorporating the opportunities for action in our church year calendaring. We invite volunteers to help make these things move forward to contact Father David.