



Church & Pastoral Survey Results – March 2025

- There were 29 initial paper survey responses submitted to Presiding Elder Polly Standing during the Town Hall meeting on 2/13/25. The following are the results of this survey as reported by Pastor Polly.

Question 1. Survey asked members to rank the following gifts in order of importance to our church at this time – Administration, Community Relations, Counseling those with Pastor care needs, Pastoral Care, Prayer, Preaching, Stewardship, Teaching, and Other Gifts not listed.

Preaching was ranked as most important followed by Prayer. Community Relations and Administration tied for 3rd most important. Pastoral Care, Teaching, Counseling, Stewardship and Other Gifts ranked least important over all. Items written in under the Other Gifts were helping others determine their gifts, outreach, conflict resolution, passion for Sunday School, humble, social advocate, leadership, teachable, transparency, traditional, missions, mission trips, youth and children, and participation in the life of the church.

Question 2. Members were asked to circle the three most important traits for a pastor in their opinion – Honest, Trustworthy, Thoughtful, Faithful, Steadfast, Gregarious, People-oriented, Entrepreneurial, Visionary, Intentional, Focused, Peacemaker (deals well with conflict), Winsome, Persuasive and Good Listener.

Trustworthy and Faithful were circled 14 times. Peacemaker circled 13 times. People-oriented circled 12 times. Honest circled 10 times. Visionary circled 8 times. Focused and Good Listener circled 5 times. Steadfast circled 3 times, with Thoughtful and Intentional each circled 2 times.

- The Church & Pastoral Survey taken during March was completed by 24 individuals, mostly on-line with 9 paper copies turned in. The results of this survey are listed below.

Question 1. What purpose do you think God has uniquely equipped CMC to accomplish in this community?

Overwhelming response was to love God, each other, and our neighbors. To be the hands and feet of Christ through reaching out to our community and to bring others into relationship with Christ.

Question 2. Which of the following areas are most important to you in the life of our church as a member of CMC?

Sunday Morning Worship received 17 votes, Community Outreach 15 votes. Youth Activities received 12 votes and Music 10 votes. Children's Activities, Church wide activities and Missions each received 5 votes with Sunday Morning Bible study receiving 2 votes.

Question 3. Are there any other things important to you in the life of our church not listed above?

Responses received were - Identify the unmet needs of our community, develop outreach/mission programs to serve, personal connections/relationships, unified congregation, men's ministry, available counseling resources, local activities with area churches, church camp, pastor that lives the teachings of Christ and welcomes all community members, and being able to do things.

Question 4. Overall, how would you rate the congregation's knowledge of Bible scriptures at CMC?

Average received 15 votes, minimal knowledge 10 votes, somewhat knowledgeable 6 votes and extremely knowledgeable 3 votes.

Question 5. Rank by importance the Pastoral gifts of Administration, Community Relations/Outreach, Counseling, Prayer, Preaching, Stewardship, Teaching and Pastoral Care.

Preaching was ranked as most important with Community Relations/Outreach and Teaching as 2nd most important. Prayer, Pastoral Care and Administration tied for 3rd most important. Stewardship and Counseling were ranked as least important.

Question 6. Are there any other characteristics important to you that are not listed above?

Responses included things like genuine love of all people, relatable, strong research-based theological training, stability, business oriented, young family man, easy to understand, honesty, peacemaker, good listener, experienced woman to lead church, supportive of music department, funny and inviting.