

## **Antioch UMC Ministry Plan for 2013**

### **Our Vision**

As a community of faith, individually and together, our mission is to be the Presence of Christ.

**Our church community values** our history, our tradition and our families.

**Our challenge is to embrace Christ's call** to love God and others with our whole being so that the Kingdom of God is a reality. To that end, our history is a map, but not a tunnel; our tradition is a container, not a box; our family is a portion of the family of God.

### **Our Goals:**

- We are the Presence of Christ when we consistently provide Inviting and Meaningful Worship of God so that God is glorified and the people renewed.
- We are the Presence of Christ when we Reach Out into the community, so that we are recognized as an inviting and supportive presence.
- We are the Presence of Christ as a 'Church on a Mission' to serve others near and far, providing opportunities for all to serve, so that the love of Christ is experienced by those we serve and we who serve.
- We are the Presence of Christ when we Nurture, through faith-formation activities, the children, young adults, middle aged adults and elders in their relationship with Jesus, so that they are fruitful disciples.

## **Worship Goal:**

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## **2013 Worship Calendar**

### **Lent: February 13 to March 31**

Ash Wednesday	February 13	
Holy Thursday	March 28	@ Williams
Good Friday	March 29	
Easter	March 31	– includes Sunrise Service

### **Mother's Day Celebration**

Sunday	May 12
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### **Recognition of Graduates**

Sunday	May 26
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### **Thank You Neighbor**

Sunday	June 16
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Sunday of the 'Neighbors' project weekend, worship on the church lawn with a covered dish luncheon to follow in a time of celebration of the mission of the church.

### **Homecoming**

Sunday Worship	October 13
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### **Recognition of Veterans**

Sunday	November 10
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### **Thanksgiving**

Wednesday	November 27 @ Williams
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### **Advent – Christmas**

Advent I	December 1
Advent II	December 8
Advent III	December 15
Longest Night Service	December 21 (Saturday)
Advent IV	December 22
Christmas Eve	December 24 (Tuesday)

## **Outreach and Missions Goals**

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## **Outreach and Missions Activities to achieve the above goals for 2013:**

### **Short – Term Projects**

#### **Out of area mission trip**

Team of women and men for a 4 day mission to Aurora, North Carolina to provide life-essential home repairs or similar services to others impacted by Hurricane Irene in August , 2011. Keys: immersion in the project, exposure outside Lunenburg, spiritual formation.

When: February 28 – March 3, 2013

#### **Kits for Conference**

Gather materials and supplies for the UMCOR birthing and cleaning kits to deliver at Annual Conference. Hold a "packing day" on a Sunday in early June to assemble the kits. Serves as both a missional and community-building outreach activity.

When: May-June

#### **Caring Contributions**

Fundraiser for 'Neighbors' project (below) and an opportunity for community outreach: an unpriced – donations yard sale, in conjunction with a donation-drawing or blind auction, for a quilt or other donated items.

When: Saturday, May 11 (Sat before Mother's Day)

#### **Neighbors-Helping-Neighbors**

Participate with Kenbridge UMC and other Lunenburg churches and agencies in a two-day local service project. Provides an opportunity for participants to invest of themselves in being the Presence of Christ to neighbors.

When: Friday – Saturday, tentatively June 14-15

#### **Thank-You Neighbor Worship**

Sunday of the 'Neighbors' project weekend, worship on the church lawn with a covered dish luncheon to follow as a time of celebration of the mission of the church.

When: Tentatively Sunday, June 16

### **Supplies for School Project-**

The gathering of donations of school supplies to help those children unable to help themselves, contributing to the education of Lunenburg's youngest citizens. We will do this either in partnership with another effort or independently.

When: July, and possibly a replenishing effort in January

### **Samaritans Purse Shoe Boxes**

Gift boxes packaged for children around the world. In 2012 we prepared 25 boxes.

When: October

### **Homecoming Day of Service**

In addition to the Sunday worship, we will perform a Day-of-Service on Saturday at a parishioner's or immediate 'neighbor's' home.

When: Saturday, October 12

### **Salvation Army Projects**

The community of faith gathers to support the local community in need in November and December. We share our abundant blessings through the collecting of non-perishable food items, sorting and bagging food for distribution, Angel Tree gifts and Senior Stockings.

When: November – early December

## **Ongoing Missions**

### **Tutoring Children**

Provide educational support for elementary school students on an ongoing basis. Sharing our time in giving students attention and re-enforcing their classroom instruction encourages their success now and in the future. Opportunities are anticipated for occasional and regular participation.

When: Beginning late winter – early spring

### **Children's Outreach Activities**

Involving the Antioch children in an outreach activity. Purpose is to teach them discipleship and service – doing for others, in a fun and creative, age-appropriate activity. Involving the youth of the church to assist reinforces this purpose for the teens, too. These activities are planned during the worship hour, following Children's Time, so that parents may experience a diversion-free worship.

When: January 6, February 10, TBD

### **People in Need, Response Undetermined**

The following are areas of concern to the Outreach & Missions Committee but how we should respond is not yet determined:

- Outreach to our Elders (senior citizens): options include involvement with children's activities, providing recorded worship services to homebound
- Tutoring or participating in services to improve Adult Literacy in the Lunenburg community
- Financial support for international mission, for example Malaria Nets
- Financial support for local missions, such as Madeline's House, Lunenburg Health Services
- Social Justice issue of sex trafficking in this country

### **Nurturing Goal:**

- We are the Presence of Christ when we Nurture, through faith-formation activities, the children, young adults, middle aged adults and elders in their relationships with Jesus, so that they are fruitful disciples.

### **Activities to achieve the above goal for 2013:**

Lenten Season Study for Working Adults:

"The Words We Say" will look at the words of the Ten Commandments, Lord's Prayer, Apostles Creed, Baptism Covenant and the Lord's Supper to better understand their meaning through history and "Layman's Terms Theology." Wednesday evenings from 7:15 to 8:30, February 20 to March 20.

Weekday Bible Study

A weekly gathering to Study and discuss the Scriptures and its application for our lives.

April – July: Gathering information and developing a plan for Christian education and spiritual formation activities to meet the goal

Nurturing Season beginning in September, Kick-Off on September 8