

# Glen Avon Presbyterian Church

What is God calling us to do and  
be as a congregation?

# Mission Discernment Process

- 2006 – April 2008
- Conversations and sharing
- Life Groups formed
- Second service
- Final Report to Session and decision to form standing committee
- May 2008 – Now
- Session listening for next steps
- Visioning Gathering November 1
- Planning for next 2-3 years
- Sharing with congregation underway

# Planning Gathering

- Open meeting of majority of Session members and others interested (27)
- Discussion on strengths, threats and opportunities (much in common)
- Our “vision” for the church (vibrant)
- Strategies to achieve the vision
- Volunteers for mission discernment team

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- Connects young and old to God's love, nurturing each in a faith journey, through worship, music, teaching, and service to those in need
- Welcomes all and cares for each other, finding joy in fellowship together.

# Strategic Initiatives

- Using small groups to connect people to each other and God's love
- Two worship services to connect people to God's love in different ways
- Congregational care: Connecting those in our community to the church
- Launching a new outreach campaign

# Next Steps: Mission Discernment Team to Oversee

- Claudia Welty, Chair
- Bonnie Jorgenson
- John Kliewer
- Larry Lehner
- Debbie Sauer
- Greg Sandbulte
- Glen Simmonds
- Initial meeting also
- Ellen Altman, Deacons
- Jan Stone, worship
- Mary Lou Tarvers, outreach
- Staff – Chris, Lon, Robyn,
- ALL invited

# Process Session Approved

- Discernment team will communicate with congregation via focus groups, provide opportunities for involvement, form project teams in collaboration with standing committees
- Project teams will tackle individual strategies with action plans to share with Session and congregation

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