

Our Story

Hebrews 12: 1-2

Hall of Fame of Faith
The past can empower the present
Part of a greater story

My hopes for our time together

- We pray
- We meet
- We discern a mission/vision/ in a form of a compelling story
- We discern next steps (worship, missions, outreach, discipleship) that are low stakes (unless we discern a BHAG)
- We discern a discipleship process
- We discern a leadership training process
- We thrive in God's purpose for us

Review

- Session 1
 - What does a thriving/healthy church look like
 - How do we get there
 - Mission
 - Vision
 - Mission and vision as a story
 - Pathway for discernment
 - Prayer
 - Questions
- Session 2
 - Mission and Vision
 - Values
 - Defining Goals
 - Church Structure
 - Church Schedule
 - Discipleship Pathway
- Session 3
 - Church Life Cycles
 - SWOT Analysis
- Session 4-Demographics
- Session 5-Reaching the Next Generation

Some Opening Thoughts

- Inflection Point
- Roots
- Tension between the two

Video of our church

History in Brief

- Founding of the United Brethren in Christ
- 1800 Christian Newcomer and John Neidig
- 1851-1852-Our official formation and first building
- 1867-Our second building
- 1893-Our third building
- 1925-1951 Harvey K. Geyer
- 1953-Educational Wing

Questions

- How do you understand our history/story as a church?
- What is your favorite memory of Evangelical?
- Do you have favorite memories of preachers, teachers, congregants?
- When were we at the best? Why were we at our best?
- Can you remember a time Evangelical struggled?
- What can we learn from our history?
- Other Thoughts?

Are we willing to meet again?

Closing Thought-Our stories and the stories of those we hope to reach

Closing Prayer