

## **Plank Chapel United Methodist Church**

### **“Journey”**

"Journey "is an encounter...an experience of being a church in a new way. "Journey" is about forming disciples of Jesus Christ among children (ages 5-10) and youth (ages 11-18) through relationships rather than creating programs to bring young people to the church. "Journey" is a safe space where children and youth can encounter and experience the radical hospitality and unconditional love of Christ Jesus through Plank Chapel UMC.

#### **Our Mission**

To be a safe and caring space where children and youth can encounter the love of Christ Jesus through "becoming, belonging and believing".

#### **Our Core Values**

First: We welcome everyone into a safe and caring environment.

Second: We meet everyone where they are and invite them into a loving relationship with God and with each other.

Third: We are committed to grow and deepen our journey with Jesus Christ through music, community building, games, fellowship meals and other life-giving experiences.

Fourth: We put our faith into action by serving others.

#### **Our Flow & Timeline**

“Journey” meets once-a-month beginning with a soft-launching on May 19<sup>th</sup> Pentecost Sunday from 4:00pm-6:30pm. The “Journey” includes music, storytelling, community-building, crafts & games, and fellowship meal.

May 5th- present the "Journey" proposal to the Church Council

May 6th-12th- phone call to all potential attendees; print all the forms and make them available on May 19th; send email to all church members regarding "Journey"

May 12-present the "Journey" during the 11am Sunday Worship Service and distribute flyers

May 15-6:00pm-7:00pm Dry Run and “Journey” Team Meeting before the Soft-Launching

May 19-4-6:30pm Soft-Launching of the “Journey”

June 23-next “Journey”

#### **Our Leadership Team**

Ron Gustafson (Overall Team Leader)

Nancy Gustafson

Peggy & Cristina Hernandez

Abner & Pam Cobb

Danielle Nugent

Lori Litton

Mike Ranes

Scott Ritchey

Wayne & Lora Young

Pastor Edgar (Adviser)