Where We Have Been
A look at where we have been opens our eyes to where we are and helps us better determine where we need to go. Below are four graphs that indicate our church vitality: Church Membership, Professions of Faith, Average Worship Attendance, and Annual Giving (through June 2016).

Analyses:
Membership: There has been a healthy and steady increase over the past 5 years with a grand total 89 new members with a net gain of 47 (difference in number is related to those who transferred out, deaths, etc.)

Average Worship Attendance: Since 2011 worship attendance has gone from 70 to 118. An increase of 68%.

Professions of Faith: SUMC has been blessed each year in celebrating new lives given to Christ with a total of 21.

Annual Giving: Annual Giving has fluctuated some over the past 5 years but continues to be strong and in most cases meeting or exceeding budget expectations. 2016 is on target to meet the current budget.

What is this journey all about?
Mission: Mission is what we exist to do. It is our purpose for being. As United Methodists we seek to live into the connectional nature of our denomination which has given us a powerful mission statement:

To Make Disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Core Values: Core Values are like principals that we live by. They are the fabric of who we are; our DNA. All that we do as a local church includes our three Core Values:

Gather, Grow, Go

Vision: Based upon who we are (core values) our vision is the “how to” of being the most effective church we can be at fulfilling what we exist to do (our mission). Our vision is our “road map” for the future. Our vision provides goals that we seek to work towards and even has room for unforeseen detours and blind spots along the way. Our vision is one that is willing to go down new roads and even pave new ones when needed. Our vision is not one that sits on the side of the road in fear of what might happen if we pull out into traffic. While our vision celebrates roads already traveled, we are not confined to just those routes going forward. We are open to new adventures all for the sake of the Kingdom of God.

Mission: To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Core Values: Gather. Grow. Go.

Vision: To be a Missional and Discipling Church

Major Goals:
- Develop Small Group Ministry
- Hire Director of Discipleship
- Be more outwardly focused
- Strengthen ministries with children, youth, & young families
- Ensure property supports future growth

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Road Map for the Future
“I am about to do a new thing.” Isaiah 43:19a

Discipleship Ministries
What is Discipleship?: Christian discipleship is the ongoing transformation of becoming more like Jesus in character and purpose. It is growing in relationship with God and others. (Ephesians 4:13-15)

- Develop Small Group Ministry (begin: 90 Days)
- Hire Director of Discipleship Ministries (begin: 90 Days)
- Establish Senior Adult Ministries (begin: 1-2 years)
- Strengthen Ministries with Children & Youth (begin: Immediately) (Hire in: 2-3 years)
- Hire Youth and/or Children’s Director (Hire in: 2-3 years) (7-10 years)

Internal Structures
Adjust, readapt, and creatively strengthen the physical and internal workings of the church to meet current & future needs. (Matthew 7:24-27)

- Improve Communications (begin: 90 Days)
- Improve Visibility (when: 1-2 years)
- Establish Study/Building Team to Address Property Needs (when: Early 2017)
- Updates to existing buildings including addressing accessibility issues (begin: 2-3 years) (when: 4-6 years)
- Build new Multi-purpose building (when: 4-6 years)

Missional Church
What is a Missional Church?: As opposed to a “consumer church” mindset where people “go to church” to have their needs met through programing, a “Missional Church” is a body of people sent on mission who gather in community for worship, encouragement, and teaching from the Word of God in addition to what they are self-feeding themselves throughout the week. A Missional Church says, “I am the church”. (Matthew 28:19-20)

- Become a North Georgia Church of Excellence in Mission & Outreach (when: 2-3 years)
- Strengthen mission opportunities such as Guatemala & Stop Hunger Now (currently)
- Engage in Service/Justice Ministries like advocating against poverty (when: 1-2 years)
- Establish Preschool to meet the needs of the growing community (when: 4-6 years)
- Multiple Mission Team sent locally & globally (when: 5-7 years)

90-Day Action Plan:
- Begin to live into new vision
- Improve Communications
- Conduct Church-Wide Spiritual Gifts Inventory (August)
- Begin to Develop Small Group Ministry—“Connection Groups”
- Formalize the new position of “Director of Discipleship”