



5 Phases

An outline of the progression of a series we are doing at Beech Grove in 2023
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Agenda Plan

To help us plan purpose-filled meetings, get to know this meeting agenda template found on pages 5.

P.U.R.P.O.S.E.

Continue to pray on P.U.R.P.O.S.E. You can find recordings from throughout January on our church Facebook page.



BEECH GROVE
UNITED METHODIST



PHASE 2 + 3

MONTH 2 OF 2

MONTH 1 OF 3

Greetings Beech Grove United Methodist Church,

If you missed it, be sure to engage with the commitment signature page and bring that with your offering during this second month of phase two. During this month we close out phase 2 on MIND and begin to engage with phase 3 on SPIRIT.

As we continue to renew our minds this month, review your calendar. Make note for each day of the week at what hour of the day it would be ideal for you to meet if we were to schedule any meetings at the church. Also, make note of any away, vacation, or commitments that would prevent you from being able to participate at those ideal times.

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PASTOR'S NOTE

Greetings beloved community of faith. It has been quite a busy season with the start of the new year and I hope you are finding the times of worship and conversation meaningful for those who have been able to join us on Sunday mornings at the church. Some of our happenings are posted on the church Facebook page and one sermon from last month was recorded and posted online as well.

As we move forward and work toward what it looks like for us to be a community of faith that loves one another, loves God, and love our neighbors, I invite each of you to prayerfully consider what your role(s) will be. This series of newsletters, Sunday conversation driven meditations, and process of collective formation as outlined in the newsletters for these 12 months of 2023 are intended to help guide intentional thoughtful planning, training, and formation for us individually and as a body.

My prayer is that you remember that you have all that you need, even if it is not what you had in the past, to be what God wants of you right now. It is my hope that I can help us live into that light.

Amen.



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THE 5 PHASES



Body | Hands

January

31-Day Prayer Challenge, Opening Survey, Meditations, Discussions, and Commitment.



Mind | Head

February and March

Vision, Mission, Values, Effective Meetings, Feedback Process, Meditations, and Discussions.



Spirit | Heart

March, April, and May

Planning Personal and Church-Wide Spiritual Formation Retreats, Passion Planning, Meditations, and Discussions.



Self | Within

May, June, July, and August.

Personal Assets Inventory Survey, Church-Life Organization and Planning, Meditations, and Discussions.



Others | Outward

August, September, October, November, and December.

Community Assets Inventory, Re-Thinking Vacation Bible School, Community Networking, Closing Survey, Meditations, and Discussions

Meeting On P.U.R.P.O.S.E.



Pray to Start

The opening prayer of a meeting can include any form of individual or group prayer. It is encouraged that the prayer include words of praise, petition, confession, and thanksgiving.



Unwind the Text

Read scripture to start. Consider using a text that relates to a current sermon series, lectionary, or church-wide missional focus. The goal is to ensure the day-to-day work of the church is informed by the formative and biblically-based life experiences of the church.



Reflect in Context

This devotional moment should be prepared in such a way as to connect the purpose of the meeting with the text that has been read. Thus, it may prove helpful to either write original devotional material or choose devotionals with text that align with the previous criteria.



Pen to Paper

The meeting facilitator/leader will continue in light of the devotional by bridging the focus to what lead to scheduling the meeting. This is a time of reporting, shared reflection on active and future possibilities, and collective accountability for staying on mission toward our preferred vision.



Outline Your Thoughts

Gleaning from the information and insights shared to this point in the meeting, participants are invited to speak to what has stood out as important to each person to address or act on moving forward. Large meetings will require sub-groups and presentations by the group leaders as to what each group made note of as important.



Share Your Story

This begins the end of the meeting. We discuss and decide next steps and planned post-meeting follow up dates. If there are any past activities that need to be reported on that have been completed or if there is progress toward other ministry goals of the group that fall beyond the scope of this meeting then these can be shared or submitted at this time. Participants in this meeting are invited to turn their notes in to the secretary for compiling a final meeting summary for sharing to all and archival purposes.

End in Prayer

Close the meeting with prayer. Reflect in light of conversations had and decisions made. It may prove helpful to encourage each participant to offer a word, phrase, or thought in prayer of praise, petition, confession, or thanksgiving.

Meeting Agenda / Participant Form

Pray to Start

Leading in prayer for our meeting _____



Unwind the Text

Leading our scripture reading _____

The scripture text _____



Reflect in Context

Devotional Leader _____

Notes from the devotional: _____



Pen to Paper

Meeting Facilitator _____

Report #1 by _____

On the topic of _____

Questions and/or Answers _____

Stand-out point(s) _____

Report #2 by _____

On the topic of _____

Questions and/or Answers _____

Stand-out point(s) _____



Outline Your Thoughts

Secretary or Facilitator Summary _____

Repeat back key points from the meeting to all as a highlight of our thoughts and desired next steps. NOTE: Meeting room whiteboards may prove helpful for this task.



Share Your Story

Open floor for reports and follow-up updates that may not be directly related to the purpose of this gathering, but are related to us as people of faith and those we serve.

Participants turn their notes in to the secretary for compiling a final meeting summary.

End in Prayer

Leading in Prayer for our closing _____

PHASE 2 FEB | MAR

PHASE 3 MAR | APR | MAY

We have meetings to plan! What's your availability?

Sundays	Mondays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays	Thursdays	Fridays	Saturdays
IDEAL TIME OF DAY	IDEAL TIME OF DAY	IDEAL TIME OF DAY	IDEAL TIME OF DAY	IDEAL TIME OF DAY	IDEAL TIME OF DAY	IDEAL TIME OF DAY
AND/OR HOUR	AND/OR HOUR	AND/OR HOUR	AND/OR HOUR	AND/OR HOUR	AND/OR HOUR	AND/OR HOUR
PHONE OR IN PERSON	PHONE OR IN PERSON	PHONE OR IN PERSON	PHONE OR IN PERSON	PHONE OR IN PERSON	PHONE OR IN PERSON	PHONE OR IN PERSON

Conflicts:

NOTE: Our Next Meetings will focus on Vision, Mission, and Values.

LENT	MAR 1 - 30	2023
SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT (YEAR A)	SUNDAY, MARCH 5, 2023	1 CORINTHIANS 13:1-13
DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME - SPRING FORWARD THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT (YEAR A)	SUNDAY, MARCH 12, 2023	MATTHEW 22:37
FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT (YEAR A)	SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 2023	DEUTERONOMY 6:5
MARCH 25TH IS ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT	SUNDAY, MARCH 26, 2023	PHILIPPIANS 4:8

Beech Grove UMC | Birthdays

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On Our Calendar

Weekly Worship and Gathering Times

Sundays (5th, 12th, 19th, 26th)
11:00 am

Church Meeting Availability Request

Email or use the form provided in this newsletter to submit your responses to Rev. Furtado as soon as possible so that we can plan ahead for our church meeting calendar.

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Holidays and Liturgical Dates

- March is Women's History Month
- 3/12 Daylight Savings (Spring forward. 1 less hour of sleep.)
- 3/25 Annunciation of the Lord

APRIL Looking Ahead

- 4/2 Palm Sunday, 4/2-8 Holy Week
- 4/9 Easter Sunday