

**SAINT PETER'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
LOCAL CHURCH PROFILE VISIONING SESSION ONE
PARTICIPANT RESPONSES
AUGUST 2022**

Share a time when this church was here for you when you needed it

Family (as they grow)
Family experience
Weddings and funerals
Good times and difficult times
In a busy time, take a deep breath
A spiritual uplift
Every day
When my granddaughter needed baptism during the pandemic
When I had surgery the prayers and support of my church family were important
When my mother-in-law had a life-ending stroke and the pastor went to the hospital with us to pray
When I wanted to be married my wife-to-be was Lutheran and I was Catholic, but the Catholic Church wouldn't marry us unless she converted. Saint Peters UCC was happy to marry us without any obligation
When 9/11 happened, Saint Peter's doors were open and provided a safe and welcoming place
When I was in crisis at my job and was very close to just leaving, Saint Peter's UCC helped me see things more clearly
I was married here in the church 50 years ago
The church has been helpful to me through difficult times
When I visit this area
The church has provided an opportunity to get our kids more involved with their spiritual side
Support during divorce, loss of loved ones' health crisis
A place to go for comfort during difficult times in life and struggles

In one word, what is meaningful to you about Saint Peter's?

Family, welcoming, friendly, home, caring, hospitality, fellowship, family oriented, guidance, comfort, spiritual, nurturing, community, diversity, female-led, congregation, warmth, welcoming, belonging, peace, stability, welcoming

What do you want Saint Peter's to look like in two years?

Hoping pastor Kim stays (her sermons always nail it)
Peaceful and spiritual guidance when making life changes
Become welcoming
Would like to see a larger congregation (more kids and younger families)
Kids activities
Would like to see the music remain with the organ (no rock bands) and more singing, maybe meetings to practice singing and build confidence
Growth in attendance

Expansion of engaging programs for youth, teens, and young adults
More opportunities for people to get together and fellowship, especially for retired persons during the day to break up monotonous weeks and fulfill a need to avoid loneliness
Continue to expand community outreach
Continued broad acceptance
More people in congregation
Bringing in more youth

