

## RESULTS OF THE PARISH DISCERNMENT MEETING

1. *What is God up to in the Neighborhood? Outside and Inside*
  - Feeding people who can't feed themselves; food pantries (10)
  - Opening our doors to recovery programs (2)
  - Men's groups that meet here (5)
  - Involvement with the Trumbull Senior Center (2)
  - Individual growth (3)
  - Jingle Bell Run (5)
  - Library books (2)
  - Bible Study (8)
  - Care Visits (3)
  - Community Suppers (6)
  - Accommodate different cultures in our worship (2)
  - Making people feel welcome at our Church (3)
  - Concerts (3)
  - Change is necessary (2)
  - Love of liturgy and tradition (3)
  - Church School (3)
  - Pennies for Prisoners (3)
  - Outreach to schools—food and financial (2)
2. *What does faithful participation in God's mission look like at Trinity?*
  - We are a caring community (4)
  - Sharing our time and talents with others (5)
  - Mass on Grass (5)
  - Blessing of Animals (4)
  - Baptism, Marriage, funerals (5)
  - Family Matters (6)
  - Church School (5)
  - Special events: Choir, Visiting nursing homes, Coffee hours (3)
  - Financial support (3)
  - Carrying the Gospel outside the Church (4)
  - Caring Connections (4)
  - Family Night (2)
  - Lay People helping at Mass (5)
  - Extend invitations to people outside Parish to our events (5)
  - Being open to the feelings and beliefs of others (6)
3. *Why Do You Attend Trinity Church? What do you value most here?*
  - Beautiful structure
  - Friendly, active parish, feel welcome, caring community (23)

Enjoy worship **(5)**

I grew up in the church and wanted to come back here (2)

Reverend Ellen Kennedy (3)

Wedding of my daughter

Bible preached and taught

Sing

Have fun at church, feel relaxed (4)

Spiritual nourishment (6)

Child/family friendly environment (7)

Belief in God

4. *What Three Things would you like to see accomplished in the next 3 years?*

See Outreach continue and increase (8)

Increase membership (10)

Increase Children's activities/Attract more families/More youth (16)

Grow men's group

Add Saturday Mass

Community garden (2)

**Full time priest (7)**

Visiting shut-ins with service and communion (3)

Choir/More singing/Expand music program (5)

Bring back Christian Counseling Center

Coffee hour forums

More Visible in the community (2)

Market the Congregation (2)

5. *What kind of Leader does God need for the Church?*

Strong leader able to delegate and listen to ideas of others/ open-minded (7)

Family man who can bring Christ into the community (4)

Inspire the congregation to pursue new activities/enthusiastic /charismatic (8)

Spirit filled (5)

Connect with all types of people (5)

Young

Good Bible knowledge to enable Bible study to go forth (2)

Ability to add humor