

How to Take the Next Step!

1. Review the Spiritual Journey Guide inside. *(You may find that you fit parts of one step as well as parts of another. Choose the step that fits you best.)*
2. Find out where you are on the guide.
3. Identify the one or two steps that will help you grow to the next level.
4. Connect with someone (faith guide, spiritual mentor/coach, pastor) and get help with your journey.
5. Keep Growing! Make it a priority to grow closer to God and become more like Jesus.

3 Keys to Growing Spiritually

1. Stay Connected to God.

- * Have a daily time with God.
- * Develop foundation spiritual practice.

2. Stay Connected to Others.

- * Invest in Christian friendship
- * regularly attend corporate worship
- * Connect in an accountable relationship (spiritual mentor or coach, small group).

3. Serve Others.

- * Find a way to serve in the church.
- * Explore ways to serve in the community.

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First United Methodist Church

As I follow Jesus, what's the next step for me?

A guide for members, guests,
and friends of FUMC

Make maturing disciples of Jesus
Christ for the transformation of
the world. (UMC Mission Statement,
adapted)

Our Purpose: We come to
experience Christ's love and
work together to live it out.

(Concordia FUMC purpose)

Where Are You?



Guest or Visitor

Regular Worship Attender

Beginning Believer

Growing Disciple

Maturing Disciple/ Servant Leader

Is This You?

You have come to check out the church you are attending for the 1st time or sporadically. You may or may not have made a commitment to Christ.

You attend worship regularly or fairly often. You do not participate in the church beyond worship attendance. You may or may not have made a commitment to Christ.

You have recently committed or recommitted your life to Christ. You are a new disciple and want to know more about how to live in this relationship.

You have been a disciple for a while. You know the basics of the faith, have a daily time w/God, engage in some form of accountable discipleship and serve others beyond the church.

You serve sacrificially. You are an influencer & leader in the faith community. You share your faith w/those outside the church & disciple someone beginning the journey. You provide leadership in some ministry of the church.

How to Grow to the Next Level

Come back. Begin to worship regularly and participate in other ministries of the church.

Commit your life to Christ, engage in conversation with a maturing disciple form friendships with others in the church, and find a way to serve in a ministry of the church.

Learn about foundational spiritual practices, have a daily devotional time, explore Christian beliefs, connect with other disciples, give proportionately, and find a way to serve in the church

Commit more of life to following God. Make your spiritual life a priority. Learn about spiritual practices, build relationships beyond the church to share Christ, tithe, and serve beyond the church.

Serve sacrificially in ministry. Continue to grow through spiritual practices,, relationships w/others, & service. Become a mentor or coach for newer disciples. Lead a ministry.

Things You Can Do to Grow

(select options that meet your needs)

- Learn about the church.
- Meet people.
- Ask questions about God.
- Explore how this church engages the community.

- Connect with a faith guide.
- Make a new friend in worship.
- 'Test-drive' a way of serving in the church.
- Make a commitment to Christ.
- Participate in a Foundations Class.

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- Participate in a Walk to Emmaus
- Be baptized or renew your baptismal vows
- Begin a daily time with God.

- Join a small discipleship group. (Foundations or other group that helps you grow.)
- Attend a Financial Peace University Class
- Engage in daily spiritual practices.
- Tithe
- Explore ways to serve.
- Get Spiritual Coach

- Continue to "feed yourself" through spiritual practices.
- Become a spiritual mentor or coach.
- Build relationships with non-believers to be Christ in their lives.
- Provide leadership in an area of ministry.
- Engage in personal missions.
- Give generously (beyond a tithe).