

Visioning Exercise
Thursday, Sept 10

Results of Vision Group Hosted by Julie Carson				
Facilities	Worship	Fellowship	Outreach (parish focused)	Outreach (community focused)
Parking	10 AM service	softball team	weekend conferences for entire congregation	employment services
Bike Rack	Drama troupe for within service and to perform skits out in the community (think of travelling drama groups in the middle ages)	4th of July float	People have a lot of skills and expertise -- help link up parishioners who need that help with a parishioner who has the skill	Short commitments (one task like working at PADS). These are more do-able for a lot of people.
Bigger Kitchen	More variety of music: esp. an Episcopal Chicago choir event and soul music	More women's group activities	Every member canvass	Service projects to benefit village and community (not just poor)
	Brass as part of service once a month and holidays. Note: two members of this small group have spouses who play in a group together and they have never been asked to play at St. Mark's! Speculation is that they aren't "good enough." Do musicians need to be top-notch to participate? If so, why?	More social events each year including possibly progressive dinner, ethnic dinner, group trip, dinner dance	Identify people to "care for the carers" - i.e. to be the "helper bee" for a vestry member, etc. and provide assistance, meals, etc. when that church leader is very busy. Someone who the vestry person can rely on to help during crunch times.	Bring in well-known "mission leaders" to run a 3-day mission workshop. Open it up to other churches as well.
	Saturday evening contemporary worship	stronger men's group		annual yard sale to raise money for M&O
		whole church breakfasts and special events dinners		install showers so we can host PADS

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	more variety in music - taize chants, different styles, different instruments	over-40 singles group doing service projects		grief ministry
	tape the music and put it on the internet. One group member said he found a recording of the "Lord hear my prayer" chant and he plays that at work on his PC when he needs to calm down.	Host "happenings" for teens and Cursillo for adults		M&O committee that leads the way in dealing with the homeless in our community
	Ask parishioners to compose music for the service, even if its simple	love adult ed		mental/emotional health services
	Saturday services			mentoring
	singing outdoors			more \$ and service to M&O - ex: community center
	A "blue Christmas" service, possibly ecumenical			a "concrete" ministry like a soup kitchen
	Worship services for those grieving			"clothes closet" for people who are returning to work
				art show for all ages; invite community as well!