

Connections & Connecting

A SURVEY OF YOUR BELIEFS

We need your help. We're completing a self-study of First Church as part of our MCCI adventure. Please complete this survey and return it to the office or put in the offering plate. More copies are available at church. We hope everyone will complete one!

1. My belief statements (Mark all that apply)
 - I believe in God, creator of heaven and earth
 - God's grace is available to every person
 - God is active in the life of the world
 - God works through people like me
 - I believe _____
2. What do you see as the most authoritative source in your personal theology? (Mark one)
 - The Bible – Holy Scripture
 - Personal experience
 - Christian tradition
 - Reason, Rationality
3. I believe that the Bible: (Mark one or two)
 - Is the literal Word of God
 - Is the inspired Word of God containing different forms of literature, only some of which are history
 - Tells how writers interpreted the ways and principles of God
 - Is simply another book of teachings
4. Which comes closest to your own view of Jesus' death? (Mark one or two)
 - Jesus died on the cross to reconcile us with God
 - Jesus was executed because he would not stray from God's mission for his life
 - Jesus died so I could have eternal life
 - Jesus's death has no impact on my eternal life
5. How frequently do you attend worship? (Mark one)
 - Every week unless I'm sick
 - 2-3 times per month
 - A few times a year
 - Seldom
6. Things that are important for us to do as a church: (Please rank with 1 as Most Important)
 - Study the Bible and learn more about our faith
 - Pray together for our church and world
 - Accept everyone regardless of gender or sexual identity
 - Help with the ministries of the church
7. What should be the primary considerations of First United Methodist Church? (Please rank with 1 as Most Important)
 - Serving as Christ's hands, feet and voice for the transformation of the world
 - Bringing new people into relationship with Jesus Christ
 - Advocating for justice for all
 - Developing the faith of existing members
8. With which of the following statements about Jesus' divinity do you agree? (Mark one)
 - Jesus was only human and not the Son of God
 - Jesus was fully human and fully divine
 - Jesus was a spiritual leader and a great teacher but not divine
9. Which view of salvation is closest to your view? (Mark one or two)
 - Salvation is being saved from God's final judgement
 - There are ways to salvation that do not involve Jesus
 - All people will be saved
 - We experience salvation through God's saving action in this life as well as in the next
 - Salvation is not that important to me
 - I can gain salvation by performing good deeds

Free Response Question:

What do you feel is the most important thing for First United Methodist Church to work on in the coming year?