



Dove of the Desert

United Methodist Church



Dove of the Desert United Methodist Church Discipleship Plan

Mission: The Mission of Dove of the Desert UMC is to develop a community of people increasing in love for God and neighbor by **actively growing in knowledge of God and committed to living faith boldly.**

Vision: Dove of the Desert UMC will be known for the spiritual growth and discipleship of its members.

Core Values: Embrace the Living Word - Empower a Servant's Heart - Inspire a Soul of Celebration

The Way Forward:

Our goal is to improve our discipleship in such a way that will empower Dove of the Desert UMC to be known for the spiritual growth and discipleship of our members, where people are excited to know more about God and are passionate about using their gifts and abilities to live extraordinary lives.

We intend to do this by developing a dynamic discipleship program built on three pillars. These three pillars are:

Outstanding Education Joy-Filled Servanthood Ministries Transformational Worship

We will **integrate, intentionally, our educational offerings with opportunities for life application.** We will also enhance our worship services so they provide the focus, direction and encouragement needed to draw people into study and application.

Outstanding Education

We want you to actively grow in your knowledge of God and who you are in Christ, so that you will then be empowered to live your faith boldly. An **outstanding educational ministry will give you the tools** needed to do just that. We know that every person is a unique composition of heart, mind, soul and strength. For that reason Dove UMC will offer a variety of learning opportunities from which you may choose as you determine what will strengthen your life.

Joy-Filled Servanthood Ministries

We not only want you to actively grow in your knowledge of God, but we also experience what it is like to live your faith in bold ways. A disciple, according to Christ, is a person who **learns and then acts on what they learn.** Dove UMC will deliberately make connections between education experiences and life application opportunities, which will then allow you to take steps of faith with the assurance that you are prepared to do so.

Transformational Worship

Transformational worship will **connect the dots between the Bible and life application.** Transformational Worship provides a way for you to **tap into energy and faith of the gathered community.** Through your regular attendance in worship you will experience the truth that God created you to be part of something larger in life. You will discover that regular participation in worship keeps you connected to God and to others who journey with you, as together you make a difference in the lives of other people.

The Connection

You **want a church that will empower you to have an extraordinary life.** The dynamic interaction between outstanding education, servanthood ministries and transformational worship will give you the knowledge, experience and power you have longed for to **achieve your goals in life as you grow spiritually and live your faith in bold ways.**