

# MILFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## SELF STUDY – SMALL GROUP COMMENTS

### What is a meaningful or memorable experience that you can remember at Milford Presbyterian Church?

1. When a Deacon visiting people-particularly in a nursing home.
2. Provisions made for further Bible and faith studies
3. Holiday services, Wonderful Wednesdays, Advent By Candle Light, Health Ministries
4. Singing in our choir. Music program is important. Bible studies important for growth. Healing services, Baptisms, theater in church. A lot of venues is past could be used again.
5. Singing in Christmas Cantata, Advent by Candle Light
6. Singing in choir, silent auction, term as elder, how generous our congregation is, Advent by Candle Light.
7. Baptisms-walking the baby about. First Advent by Candle Light. Membership classes
8. The Box-watching interaction and excitement of boys and girls. Music
9. First visit three years ago, noticed people sang the hymns actively. Became very involved with the cantata and really enjoyed choir and cantata experience.
10. Like music program and cantata last year. Close friends with Margaret B.
11. Only been here a year. Meaningful early experiences. How active and involved the congregation is. Congregation has started to get him involved. Church is more active than some.
12. Music program. I have sung with a lot of professional singing groups and I am impressed with Milford Presbyterian's music program. Most memorable experience is Advent by Candle Light.

### What do you value most about our church?

1. Forming lasting friendships as a result of work with the Deacons.
2. Provided a venue for spiritual needs and a place to form strong and lasting friendships with other Christians.
3. The community and family of our church. Would like to be even stronger. Pastor-the ability to deliver a sermon that has meaning and provokes thought.
4. The community and family. Our sermons are so important. Ability to deliver a sermon that has meaning and provokes thought. The youth programs and Promise Land.
5. Friends. The warm and comforting feeling the church gives me. The generosity of the members of our congregation. The talent-Rick and Margaret.
6. Friends I've made and people in the congregation. Feel they would support me in a crisis. Music talent, Becky King really does a great job.
7. The loving and caring members.

8. The community. When I walk in this church I am drawn to the people. It makes me want to reach out and do whatever I can for others.
9. Whole music program. Always been involved in music programs at most churches. Opportunities of food and fellowship.
10. The music program. The friendships with choir members. Small town, quaint church on the corner.
11. Friendship, openness of people, similar interests.
12. Music program, community outreach, Habitat for Humanity

**What is your vision for the future of our church?**

1. Continue to be a strong presence in the community and a place to spread the word of God to the people.
2. Win people to Christ, build them up and send them to spread the word. Evangelism, Youth program.
3. Being more evangelical, reach out and spread the word. Church filled every Sunday. Viable, alive church. Talk about the Holy Spirit. Awesome children and youth program.
4. Strong high school youth program. A pastor who delivers good sermons with care and concern.
5. More young families, more youth choir member. We're getting old. More participation in programs and activities. Pastor who is interested in you. Someone you can feel comfortable with.
6. Return to the 50/50 concept. A strong, good spiritual leader who will challenge the congregation to be bolder for God by getting us to step out of our boxes and push our limits.
7. Spiritual growth where we are stronger in our faith and there is help from the church. Strong youth program.
8. Like to see us grow membership to be more stable and financially stronger. Like to see a more active youth program.
9. More Bible studies and more history of the Bible. Classes by Beth Moore and Joyce Meyers. Search for woman minister.
10. More contemporary and blended service (music/liturgy) mix during service – bands, traditional hymns - more actively involved in mission work (local and distant).
11. More Bible studies. More religious classes on historical aspects of the Church and Bible. Search for a lady minister.
12. Retain current members and bring in new members, young families are particularly important because of children to replenish the membership.