

Mission and Outreach Program Statement
First Presbyterian of Big Flats

Mission of Outreach Program

Identify and coordinate a roster of programs to be offered throughout the year.

Goals of Outreach Program

1. Annually offer programs (single or series) that could raise money for the church maintenance and its missions
2. Maintain a standard of program substance and quality that would establish our church as a gathering place where good things happen, a place that brings the community together in mind, body and spirit.
3. Communicate the existence of the programs via advertisement making sure to reach as wide an audience as appropriate.
4. Each member of the congregation would support the outreach program by
 - a. Contribute serious effort or resources to make one program or more a year possible.
 - b. Spread, by word of mouth, program information by direct invitation remembering our goal is to reach out and invite the community into our church. Think of your invitation to those you know as a "gift of experience".

For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required: and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more. - Luke 12:48

Name _____ Return to Survey box

E-mail _____ **Phone** _____

Outreach Program Idea Survey

I= my interest/ curiosity in this topic means I would participate if the program were offered

A= Active Interest= I would make this idea happen by leading, finding a leader, or helping.

Speaker Series Ideas- (Listed is a series of general topics with possible specific programs)

___ Veteran's affairs- a panel of vets from one or more wars, holocaust survivor, vet benefits, Understanding Post traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), <http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/> Educational benefits for Vets, etc.

___ Travelogues- speakers take us to far off places with their words and images...Galapagos Islands, Europe, China, Ireland, Grand Canyon, Alaska, etc. the architecture, the flora and fauna, customs, food, etc.

___ Economics we should know- Home finance, How to invest, Stocks, Bonds and Cash..oh my! Saving for a home, College Planning, Retirement planning, Protecting your money...etc.

___ Medical issues of the day-Lyme disease, Autism and Asperger's, Zita virus, Cancer awareness, Immunizations pro or con, Healthy eating, Healthy dieting, Mental Health, How to pick a doctor, Joint replacement, Physical Therapy, etc.

___ Teen talks- Bullying, Just say no to drugs, Talking to teens, Leadership for Teens, Choosing a career, college or trade school, Dating tips, Stress Management for teens, Decision making for teens, Problem solving for teens etc

___ Parenting series- Effective boundaries for children at any age, Communicating with children,
___ How-to speakers - (Demonstrations/ participation) Cooking, Tai Chi, How to tie a bowtie, how to use chopsticks, tying flies... Two web sites with many more ideas
<http://www.write-out-loud.com/demonstration-speech-topics.html> <http://www.buzzle.com/articles/demonstration-speech-topics-for-college-students.html>

Visual and Performing Arts Programming Ideas

___ Vocal performances (individuals or groups) ___ Instrumental (individuals/groups)

___ Bell Choir ___ Performing arts... Reader's Theatre, One act plays, storytelling
Puppet show, magic show, Comedian, Dance, etc

Series of Classes Ideas (limited only by our resources and imagination)

___ Cooking classes- Pie Making, Cake Decorating, Pizza Making, Nutrition classes

___ Needle arts- Embroidery, Quilting, Knitting, Crocheting, Ribbon embroidery, etc.

___ Building a collection (appreciate, collect, trade)- there are many kinds of collections, from Sports cars to Sports cards, Buttons to Bells, Stuffed animals to Postcards...etc

___ Paper Arts- Scrapbooking, , Origami, Paper flowers, Wall papering, Book making, Paper making, Card making, etc.

___ Visual Arts- Drawing, Painting, Zentangle, Coloring

___ Writing classes- Poetry, Flash fiction, Submitting for publication, Memoir writing, Short Story, Technical writing, Diary writing...Writer's workshop...etc.

___ Reading- Book Discussion group...Reader's Theatre group...Poetry reading...Book study group etc.

___ Red Cross Certifications - First-aid, CPR, AED, baby sitting etc.

___ Life skill Toolbox- Team Building, Creative Thinking, Problem Solving, Goal Setting, Communication Skills, Time Management, Work Ethic, Stress Management, Organization, Relationship skills, etc.

___ Death and Dying Support- Care-taker skills and support, Grief management, Understanding Hospice services, etc.

___ Making friends with your Toolbox - tips for home maintenance.

___ Digital Photography- nature far and near, portrait and action shots, etc.

____ Home ownership- Buying or selling a house? Learn what you need to know.

____ Gardening Skills- Home veggie garden, landscape gardening, Master Gardener

____ Clown classes- learn how to dress, do make up, and behave as a clown...then participate in the community days parade

____ Book study- Any book... "7 Habit of Highly Effective People", "The Road Not Taken" etc...the class would discuss the book chapter by chapter each week.

____ Jewelry making- basic skills, tools, terminology, supplies and tips

Contests and Competition Ideas

____ Invention Convention...could have divisions by age, family or small group

____ Pet contests- Puppy Olympics with an obstacle course, Dog show not Westminster and not pedigrees allowed, Cutest pet costume with a parade,

____ Dance contest- marathon, teach a given style of dance each week then have a contest to judge each dance style

____ Speaking contest- Who is your hero? How I would improve the world? If I could meet anyone from History it would be ____? Any topic!

____ Poster contest- Earth day, Anti-bullying, Recycling, Religious Freedom, What it means to be a good Christian etc

____ Knowledge or Interest fair Contest- invite children/teens from area schools to make a station or booth to display and discuss topics that interest them.

____ Veggie growing contest- Pumpkin (biggest, smallest, most orange, most unique shape, etc.) Potato, Zucchini

____ Flower show Competition

____ Storytelling Competition

____ Bell choir competition...invite other bell choirs

____ Acapella competition...invite area schools to perform

____ Team Jeopardy Competition

____ Trivia Competition- individuals or teams...general knowledge or Science trivia

____ Hold a Race- 5K, Road race, etc

____ Community Talent Show...have try out, rehearsal and a performance

____ Eating competition- Pie, Hotdogs, Pancakes, Carrots etc

____ Series of Game competition events- Chess, Backgammon, Scrabble, checkers etc.

Other ideas...

Sponsor a fashion show, craft show, Photography contest winning pic's a calendar,

Non-competitive game events, Centurion speak...invite people over 100 for a panel,

House tour of our area, Garden tour of our area, Winter camp VBS, snow sculpture contest...Ideas are never ending...but a beginning is what we need. Inch by inch life is a cinch, yard by yard it's very hard! But many hands make light work!