

# Prayer Guide for Discernment Process

As followers of Jesus Christ, we believe that all that we do should be centered in prayer. This prayer guide is intended to serve as a resource throughout our Discernment Process, and provide a way for you to join with FUMC Seguin in prayer during this time. It will focus on four specific areas.

- Week 1 - Our Foundation
- Week 2 - Our Mutual love and Unity
- Week 3 - Our Wisdom and Discernment
- Week 4 - Our Future

Each area of emphasis has scripture and 4 prayer prompts for you to focus on throughout the week. Although these prayers may give you direction, you are encouraged to make these prayers your own.

Our hope is that a focus on prayer during this discernment process will provide each of us with wisdom, clarity, guidance and understanding as we look toward the future of FUMC Seguin.



## Our Foundation

John 14:6 Hebrews 4:12 Romans 11:6

- ~ Pray that we would follow Jesus, by living according to God's Holy Word and being guided by the Holy Spirit.
- ~ Pray that we would live into our Baptismal Covenant and the prayer we as a congregation pray over those being baptized.
- ~ Pray that we would affirm the historic Apostle's Creed that guides the church.
- ~ Pray that we would live into our membership vows, as we follow Jesus by worshipping weekly, serving sacrificially, growing intentionally, giving generously, and sharing Jesus.

## Our Mutual Love and Unity

Matthew 22:36-40 Acts 4:32 Romans 8:28

- ~ Pray that FUMC Seguin will demonstrate to our community how fellow Christians can love one another.
- ~ Pray for peace within FUMC Seguin, even as differing views exist.
- ~ Pray that we might encourage one another with kind words and respect.
- ~ Pray that we remain united in our mission to follow Jesus, lead others to Jesus, and do our part to further God's kingdom in the world around us.

## Our Wisdom and Discernment

Matt 7:26 Proverbs 3:5-6 James 1:5 1 John 4:1

- ~ Pray that we might be still, so that we may hear what God's voice above all others.
- ~ Pray for grace and wisdom for our pastors during this process, understanding there may be differing opinions within the congregation.
- ~ Pray that we may discern the will of God, as we proceed in this process.
- ~ Pray for wisdom and discernment in our conversations and meetings about the decisions before us, so that we may walk in the light.

## Our Future

Jeremiah 29:11 Philippians 1:4-6 John 17:24

- ~ Pray for the Lord to give each member a heart of discernment about the future.
- ~ Pray for God to be glorified through whatever decisions are made.
- ~ Pray that there is a clear outcome from the discernment process of the church and that all may understand and that those who may not agree can yet accept the decisions that are being made.
- ~ Pray that the churches around the world are able to come together to continue advancing the Gospel to every country, community, and neighborhood in the world.