

St John's is called to....

- Serve the aging and the ill
- Be aware that WE are the body of Christ
- Worship God and serve one another
- Be aligned with God's commandments through Faith
- Talk with others about Jesus in our lives
- Help teenage youth serve others. They have said want to. Develop a program where they can explore who they are and build skills in a supportive environment, learning about Christian values
- Move forward with our building plan, Phase 2 and eventually Phase 3
- Diversify the congregation
- Find God through beauty: artist series, organ music, promote the arts
- Provide the physical space, the church building is important
- Go outside and meet people where they are
- Offer what 18-50 year -olds need
- Ask children about what church looks like for them
- Provide spiritual and secular activities
- Foster other ways to exercise spirituality
- Be "Joy" to the world, ex. Campfires
- Become a zero waste campus
- Provide after school care
- Become ministers of reconciliation and understand what it means to be human, and support those needs
- Have an attractive message about the Parish
- Offer our presence and care for those in need
- Have a conversation with our children about why they left church and then talk with parents today about how to foster basic Christian values in this current generation of children.
- Understand our children- What will the church look like in the future?
- Find a focus in terms of serving the "hurting"
- Become responsible as agents of growth- each one invite others
- Learn to share our own needs and listen to others' needs. We hesitate to ask for help. Make it not shaming.
- Grow our capacity to deal with each other's moral dilemmas
- Be a Beacon of Light in our community
- Be an intergenerational congregation moving out beyond the building "Sunday School to Go"
- Be more of a presence in the neighborhood, have a "Real Café in the café space
- Be joy and hope in uncertain times
- Be a loving presence to those who are hurting
- Provide nourishment as well as joy and fun. Have a jumping house and they will come.
- Step out and talk to others
- Be a sanctuary for reconciliation and renewal
- Listen to our kids and when it's not "our turn" and share with other groups.
For example, a Memory Service for Dementia patients at Aegis. What used to be the Aptos Presbyterian Church became Vintage Church. They now teach classes on Christian traditions including Apologetics, Liturgy, and Eucharist.