

## Question of the Week Survey Results Detail

### Question #1

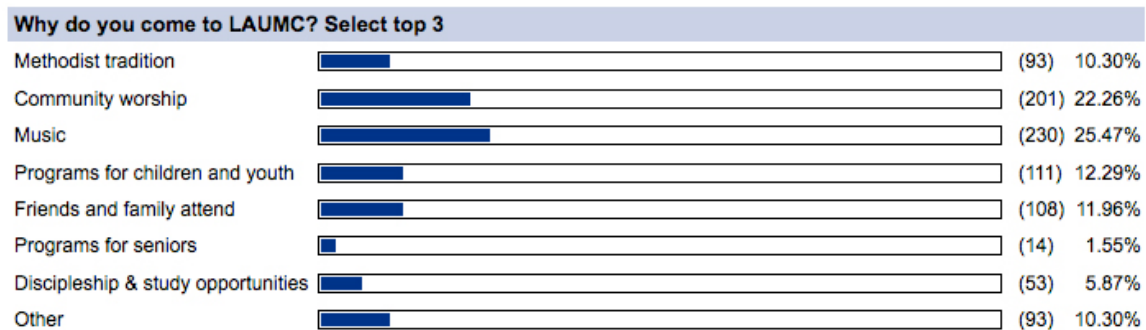
**Why do you come to LAUMC? Please select your top three reasons.**

Number of total submissions = 317

Number of card submissions = 234

Number of online submissions = 83

Results for multiple choice question:



View the chart above for the total number of submissions for each of the multiple choice answers. Here are the results in order from most popular to least popular:

Music	25%
Community Worship	22%
Programs for children and youth	12%
Friends and family attend	12%
Methodist tradition	10%
Other	10%
Discipleship & study opportunities	6%
Programs for seniors	2%

*Open-Ended Responses to "Other" (127) Summarized into Categories:*

Community; friendly, open, welcoming	38	30%
Pastors and Sermons	29	23%
Outreach; service to others	14	11%
Prayer & Personal Renewal	13	10%
Music	10	8%
Starfire	7	6%
Inspiration; lifts my spirits	6	5%

Open-minded views	4	3%
Programs	4	3%
Creekside Crossings	2	1.5%

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**Question #2**

**What change(s) at LAUMC would help you better meet your goals for spiritual growth and service to others? Please be specific.**

Number of total submissions = 101

*Open-Ended Responses Summarized into Categories:*

Changes or new opportunities in these areas:

- Adult religious education (25)
- Fellowship and support groups (16)
- Facilities (7)
- Spiritual growth (18)
- Service to others (20)
- Communication to the congregation (7)
- Addressing issues facing our community and the world (4)
- Use of technology (6)
- Small groups (3)
- Children's ministry (2)

**Question #3**

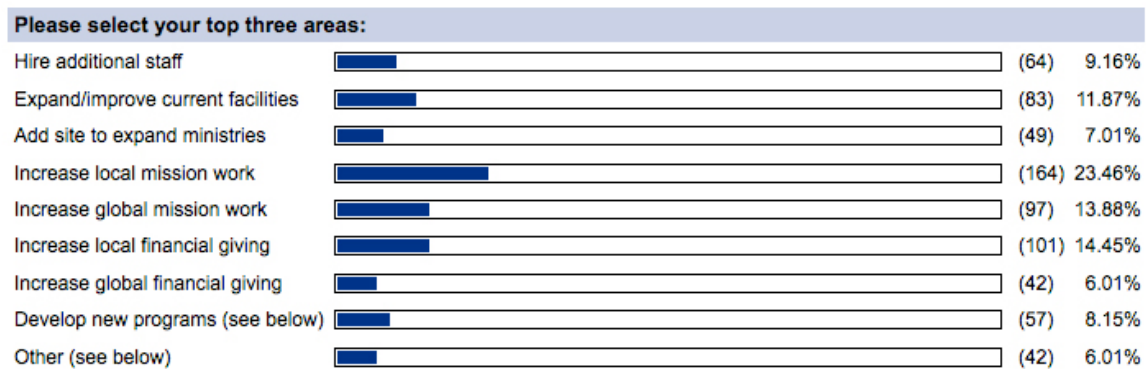
**If LAUMC increased its yearly spending by \$1 million how would you allocate the money? Please select your top three areas.**

Number of total submissions = 255

Number of card submissions = 145

Number of online submissions = 110

Results for multiple choice question:



View the chart above for the total number of submissions for each of the multiple choice answers. Here are the results in order from most popular to least popular:

Increase local mission work	23.5%
Increase local financial giving	14.5%
Increase global mission work	14%
Expand/improve current facilities	12%
Hire additional staff	9%
Develop new programs	8%
Add site to expand ministries	7%
Increase global financial giving	6%
Other	6%

*Open-Ended Responses to "Other" (90) Summarized into Categories:*

Outreach (global & local) [inc. Africa, homelessness, addiction]	22	17%
Bible classes, Christian education, spiritual development	13	10%
Singles ministry, young adults	12	9%
Spend surplus wisely; save for contingencies	12	9%
Facility upgrades	10	8%
Older adults	6	5%
Youth	6	5%

Environmental stewardship	5	4%
Acquisition of an additional site	5	4%
Children's ministry	5	4%
Small groups	5	4%
Young families ministry	4	3%
Addition to the Children's Center	3	2%
Social programs	3	2%
Music and the arts	3	2%
Technology	3	2%
Contemporary worship and worship alternatives	3	2%
Accessibility of worship space		
Intergenerational activities		
Commitment to social issues		
Recruiting new members		
Conflict negotiation training		
Collaboration with other organizations for outreach		

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**Question #4**

**If you lived elsewhere for five years and then returned to LAUMC on a Sunday in July 2013, what things would you hope to find the same? What things would you hope to find changed?**

Number of total submissions = 159

*Open-Ended Responses Summarized into Categories (with number submitted for each):*

**Things I would hope to find the same:**

Music and choirs	64
Pastors and preaching	51
Youth programs	40
Friendly, loving, welcoming atmosphere	28
Sunday School/Children's programs	19
Outreach	17
Church staff	12
Beautiful campus	11
Christian education	8
Contemporary worship	8
Openness and tolerance	7
Preschool	4
Seniors activities	3
Fellowship	3
Pastoral care	1
Women's groups	1
Large congregation	1

**Things I would hope to find changed:**

Changes to campus and facilities	23
Bible study and Christian education options	20
Community outreach	20
Inclusion and activities for young adults/singles	15
Larger congregation	14
Technology	11
Greater diversity in the congregation	11
More small groups	10
More welcoming to newcomers	9
Global outreach	9
Inclusion and activities for young marrieds/families	8
More parking	8
More opportunities for prayer and meditation	6
Staff-related changes	6
Contemporary worship-related	6
Sermon-related changes	5
Children's Center workroom	5
Intergenerational focus	4
Traditional worship style	3
Relationship with other UMCs	3
More Christian focus	3
Worship style and content	3
Seniors-related	2
Pastoral care	2
Fellowship	2
Choir-related	2
Sunday School-related	1
Transportation	1
More member information access	1
Green campus	1
Revitalized UMW	1

**Question #5 [two parts]**

**Part 1:**

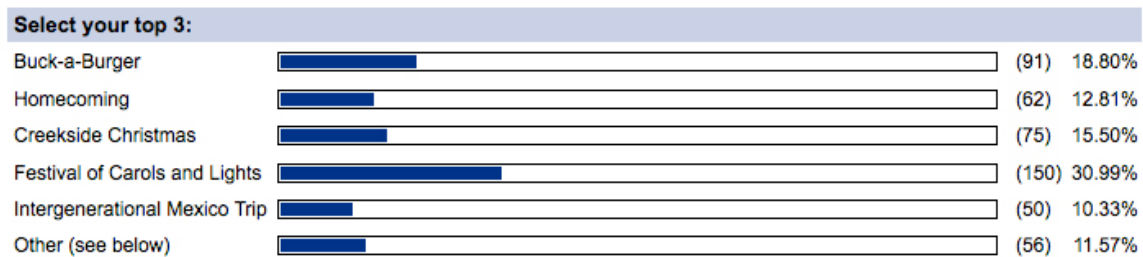
**Like an extended family, LAUMC has traditions that enrich the lives of our congregation. What are your favorite traditions? Select your top three.**

Number of total submissions = 195

Number of card submissions = 132

Number of online submissions = 63

Results for multiple choice question:



View the chart above for the total number of submissions for each of the multiple choice answers. Here are the results in order from most popular to least popular:

Festival of Carols & Lights	31%
Buck-a-Burger	19%
Creekside Christmas	15.5%
Homecoming	13%
Other	11.5%
Intergenerational Mexico Trip	10%

*Open-Ended Responses to “Other” Summarized into Categories (with number submitted for each):*

**Worship/Prayer:**

Thanksgiving Eve Service	7
Easter Services (inc. Sunrise)	5
Maundy Thursday	3
Christmas Eve Services	2
Creekside Service	1
Palm Sunday Procession	1
Taize’ Service	1
Easter Vigil	1
Lay Involvement in Ministry	1
Intergenerational LAMP productions	1
Community Baptism/Baptism Song	1
Summer Children’s Moment	1

**All Church Social Events:**

Art Show	4
Thanksgiving Dinner	2
Creekside Sunday Dinners	1
Coffee Hour	1
Mardi Gras	1
All Church Dinners	1
Pancake Breakfasts	1
Volunteer Dinner	1

**Small Groups:**

Moms' Groups	1
Dinner Groups of Eight	1
Nifties	1

**Outreach/Giving:**

Harvest Faire	3
Rummage Sale	3
Angels on Call	2
Giving/Angel Tree	2
Habitat for Humanity	2
Memory Walk	1
Mississippi Mission Trips	1
Spring Sale-a-Bration	1
Sweet Heart Sale	1
Vision Faire	1

**Music:**

Organ	2
Choirs	2
Music Programs	2
Starfire Summer Show	1
Dirk's Christmas Carol	1
Baptism Song	1

**Opportunities for Learning:**

Movie Class	3
School of Christian Living	2
Women's Retreat	2
Lenten Studies	1
Bible Study/Disciple Class	1
Senior Health Chat	1
Book Group	1
Tai Chi	1

**Family Activities:**

Church Family Camp	4
Halloween	1

**Part 2:**

**Do you have suggestions for new intergenerational events or activities that would involve our church family? Please describe.**

**Holiday/Seasonal Events:** 7

Christmas Dinner	2
“Breakfast in Bethlehem”	1
Christmas Tree Decorating	1
Holiday College Student Outreach	1
Easter Story & Egg Decorating	1
Spring Festival	1

**Local & Low-Cost Family Events:** 11

Teen/Adult Sports	3
Family Day Activities (low cost)	1
Family Camp in Los Altos	1
Local Camping	1
Picnics and Family Events	1
Nature Walks/Hikes	1
Earth Day Activity	1
More for Children at Homecoming	1
Poster Making	1

**Music-Related Activities:** 6

Spoken Hymns with Instrumental	1
Song Leader for New Hymns	1
Music in Hospitals/ Care Homes	1
Annual Choir Festival	1
Music/Coffee Hour	1
Master Sinfonia	1

**Travel:** 3

Trips like Ashland	1
One Day Bus Trips	1
Travel USA with Pastors	1

**All Generation Social Events:** 8

Pot Luck Dinners	2
“Younger” Buck-a-Burger	2
Social Dancing	1
Square Dancing	1
Bingo Night	1
Talent Show	1

**Local Mission Work:** 7

Collect Backpacks for Needy Kids	2
Weekend Service Trips (Intergenerational)	1
Bi-monthly Volunteer Activities	1
Local Intergenerational Mission	1

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Fall 2008

Creekside Christmas Craft Donation 1  
More Short Mission Trips 1

***Young & Old Together:*** 5

Intergenerational Sharing Life Stories 2  
Young People Helping Elders 1  
“Adopted” Grandparents/children 1  
Older Generation Mentoring Young 1

***Other:*** 5

Annual/Bi-annual Values Inventory 1  
Taize’/quiet service 1  
Visits to the Children’s Center 1  
Not Exclude Seniors-Single Boomers 1  
Increase Small Groups 1

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**Question #6**

**What can we do at LAUMC to be more welcoming to newcomers and new members?**

Number of total submissions = 67

*Summary of Ideas Expressed:*

- Don't assume everyone knows what's going on in the church; explain the basics in presentations, articles, and on the web site, etc.
- Permanent name tags for everyone
- Be careful about small groups of friends talking together that effectively exclude newcomers
- Have sponsors, buddies, fellowship friends, Welcome Committee
- Have (and train) more greeters ("More Fred Copes!"); train people in the art of inclusion
- Match newcomers with activities/committees/assignments that suit their interests and skills
- Create more small groups, e.g., dinner groups
- Install better signage so that newcomers can find their way around the campus
- Provide van transportation
- Watch for people standing alone and invite them to Coffee Hour
- Have the pastor welcome newcomers at the end of every service and give them information for making contact with the church
- Create a babysitting list or group from LAUMC
- Have "Welcome Volunteers" who personally call on newcomers to answer any questions and to ask them what they need to feel at home at LAUMC
- Reserve parking for newcomers
- Develop a culture where members seek out new faces after the service and visit with them rather than visiting only with friends
- Pair member families with new families to share lunch or dinner; try to match stage of life (e.g., young children, no children, seniors, singles)
- Offer newcomers a fresh baked cookie!
- Form a Newcomers Club; bring back the new members luncheon
- Acknowledge newcomers at services or with a photo board
- Find an obvious way to make staff members recognizable, e.g., hats or sashes
- Put meeting times, especially youth group meetings, in the bulletin

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**Question #7**

**LAUMC has a long tradition of reaching out to local communities and opening our campus to support community activities. Can you suggest new ways that we can continue and enhance this tradition?**

Number of total submissions = 48

*Summary of Ideas Expressed:*

- Partner with struggling UMCs; use satellite facilities for child and adult day care.
- Provide better signage and maps for campus so newcomers can find their way around
- Help community non-profit agencies by providing meeting space and by sharing the expertise of people in the congregation
- Encourage and facilitate hands-on volunteering with local agencies
- Adopt a few non-profits; increase active participation (in addition to fund-raising) in support of the non-profit sector
- Expand our ecumenical dialogue to include secularists
- Welcome a “shadow congregation” to our campus, perhaps from an ethnic group that needs a church
- An interfaith dialog series on topics of religion and modern life
- More ecumenical programs; interfaith connections with other churches
- Transportation options for those coming to campus, especially at night
- Continue support for Senior New Ways
- Community discussion forum
- Brochure for the community that describes the activities of our church
- Special interest groups for the community to serve: divorced, widowed, newly married, parents
- Food bank or take-out meal service
- Help the disenfranchised groups; welcome a more diverse population
- Help people in the community where they are rather than having them come to us.
- Network and share with governmental and religious organizations
- Hospitality and help for the homeless and hungry in our community
- Publish a list of the community groups LAUMC supports
- Community first aid training
- “Fun Days” on campus for the community
- English literacy program and tutoring
- Bring back the “School of Christian Living”
- A drop-in place for teens
- Computer classes for seniors
- Sponsor a Center of Values and Spiritual Growth that is open to the community

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**Question #8**

**If LAUMC were featured on the front page of the local news in September 2020, what would the headline be? What would the article say?**

Number of total submissions = 56

*Summary of Ideas Expressed:*

- LAUMC succeeds in hands-on local ministry; community outreach to the needy to address hunger and homelessness (21)
- LAUMC demonstrates acceptance of and openness to all (3)
- LAUMC continues to excel in youth ministry and provides leadership to others (3)
- LAUMC provides leadership to others in music, Values Inventory, children's ministries (3)
- Pastoral staff at LAUMC demonstrates leadership (3)
- LAUMC shows leadership in care of seniors and working for causes related to seniors (2)
- LAUMC works across different churches and different faiths to expand its ministries (2)
- LAUMC adopts another church; "sister" church (2)
- LAUMC meets the needs of young adults (1)
- LAUMC demonstrates global reach for mission and peace-making (2)