

Our Hopes

We believe that God has placed Bonhomme Presbyterian Church on a high hill as a visible symbol of His purposes and from that hill we are to serve Him.

Through this vision we hope to become:

A crucible for life change where we grow up into the image of Christ.

A congregation that challenges believers to develop and use their gifts and empowers them to serve Christ in the world.

A campus that is a regional center for Christian worship, fellowship, and learning with a respectful, open, and nurturing atmosphere.

A community of believers that reaches out beyond ourselves and our neighborhood to serve Christ wherever we are called.



Our Spirit

Bonhomme is often referred to as “The Church of the Pioneers” honoring the literal pioneering spirit of our founders. We too are pioneers. While we don’t face the same risks and hardships that the founders of Bonhomme faced, we are called upon to carve a place of worship and Christian community out of the wilderness of our modern culture. We too must have the courage to have vision just as those that came before us.

Bonhomme Presbyterian Church

Old Stone Church.....1841

Chapel.....1959

Sanctuary.....1967

Education Building.....1987

Old Stone Church



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BONHOMME CHURCH

Vision



Sharing Christ With Open Arms Through Preaching, Teaching and Healing

This simple phrase has long served as the mission statement of Bonhomme Presbyterian Church and describes our role in the world. We carry out this role through a vision of the church, inspired by the Holy Spirit, and cast by the congregation, staff and Session.

We completed the Bonhomme Church Vision Plan in November 2004. This is a condensed version that you can carry with you wherever you go.

Our Values

JESUS CAME TO BRING THE KINGDOM OF GOD INTO THE WORLD.

Bonhomme's mission statement of "Sharing Christ with Open Arms through Preaching, Teaching and Healing" is a reflection of this gospel essential. Serving Christ in the expansion of the Kingdom is our primary responsibility and our joy as his Church! This growth is realized spiritually, as people grow in Christ, and numerically, when people come to Christ. Our mission, values, and vision, are all to be focused upon this goal of expanding God's Kingdom.

Below are 10 values, we believe both reflect and enable our mission.

1. *A personal relationship with Jesus Christ* . . . as Lord and Savior as the foundation of our Christian life.
2. *The Bible* . . . as the Word of God and the foundation of all we do.
3. *Prayer* . . . as the means of experiencing and fulfilling our personal relationship with God through Christ Jesus.

Values continued...

4. *Unity* . . . as a church family and within the Body of Christ.
5. *Nurturing and care* . . . of all members and those beyond our walls.
6. *Outreach* . . . connecting with those outside of Bonhomme and serving in the spirit of Jesus Christ.
7. *Spiritual growth* . . . a community of seekers and believers who accept personal responsibility for Christian life-long growth and renewal.
8. *Entrepreneurial ministry* . . . an environment in which our members are empowered to take initiative to further God's Kingdom and are supported in their work.
9. *Our Presbyterian heritage* . . . building on centuries of spiritual growth, theological clarity, and sound governance, incorporated in our Book of Confessions and Book of Order.
10. *The spirit of the pioneers* . . . honoring those who heard and followed God's Word in founding our Church and in leading our Church through challenges and growth.

Our Foundational Blocks

WORSHIP



Bonhomme Presbyterian Church is first and foremost a people and place of worship. We are created to worship God. In everything we do we have the opportunity to worship. An equal block in the

foundation of our vision— worship uniquely ties together each of the other blocks—praise for our Creator and Savior; our community of believers; growing spiritually as we learn about God; and preparation for outreach and mission.

OUTREACH



Mission & evangelism are the fruit of a mature Christian faith. Both are our responsibility as Christians and the arena in which we demonstrate our gratitude for the grace we have received through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ.

COMMUNITY



Bonhomme is a welcoming Christian community that provides a gathering place to enjoy true Christian fellowship all week long—a place for all ages to celebrate joys, to share sorrows, and to care for and support one another.

SPIRITUAL FORMATION



We envision a campus for Christ centered learning and spiritual formation, a community dedicated to growing into the image of Christ. We expect to develop leaders—for the church and the world. We recognize that the Spiritual Formation of our children and youth is critical to furthering God's Kingdom on earth.