**5 Priorities-Summary**

CDT 3-30-17

Vision Healing and Hope:

God calls us to be followers of Jesus Christ, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, to grow as communities of grace, joy, and peace, so that God’s healing and hope flow through us to the world.

1. **Following Jesus**: This is first, and foremost the priority and value out of which all our activities flow. We seek to follow Jesus specifically in the Anabaptist tradition.
2. **Nurturing faith**: We at FMC are committed to *nurturing faith within the fabric of our relationships.* In particular, we long for community and nurturing faith in the context of relationships over the entire life span and range of life experiences, and in ways that are intergenerational.
3. **Connecting:** We are committed to lives of mission, peace and justice, and service, reflecting Christ’s broad invitation to all people, our neighbors across the street and around the world. We live out our commitment to hospitality as we embody this priority along with the others.
4. **Worshipping:** We place a high value on corporate worship and we recognize that for us, worship and music are of the same cloth. Our worship each week purposefully grows out of scripture and engages us with scripture.
5. **Gifts Expression:** We have a deep desire to engage the gifts we hold in service to God and others, in congregational life and in the world. We deliberately seek to discover new gifts, inviting people to lifelong development and expression of the fruit of the Spirit, natural abilities, skills and training that constitute the gifts of the Spirit.