ACC Congregational Survey 2026

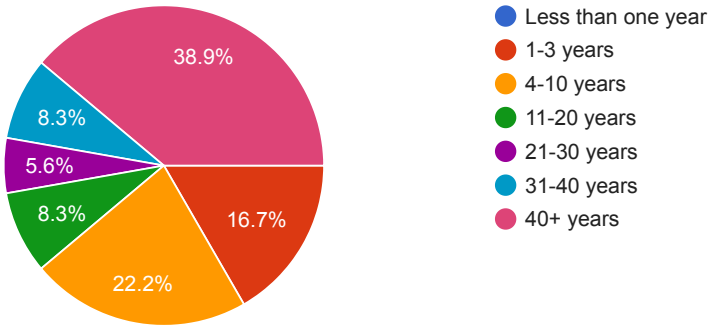
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How long have you been attending ACC?

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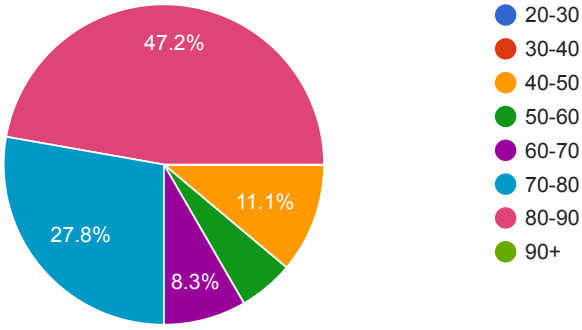
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What is your age group?

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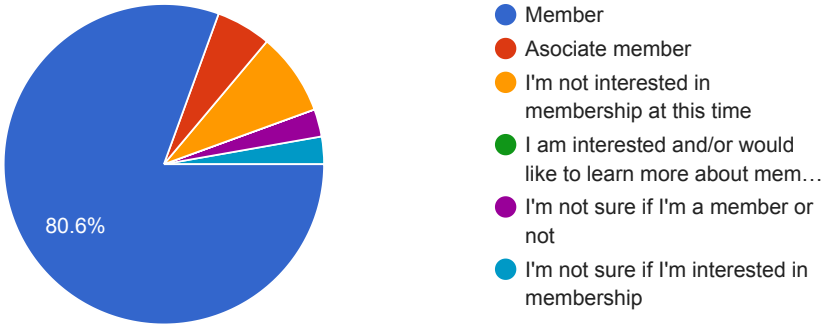
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Are you a member or associate member of ACC? If not, do you have interest in membership?

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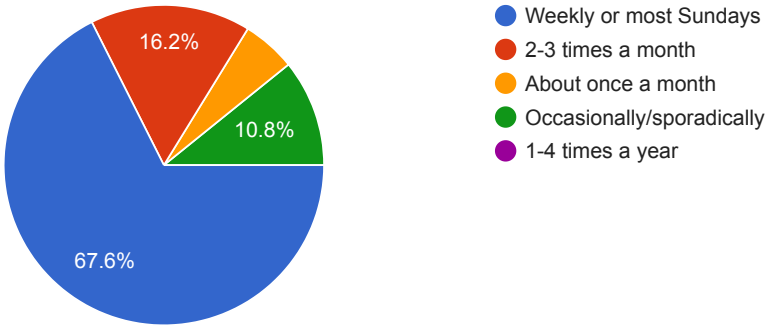


Worship

How often do you attend worship services at ACC? (In person or online)

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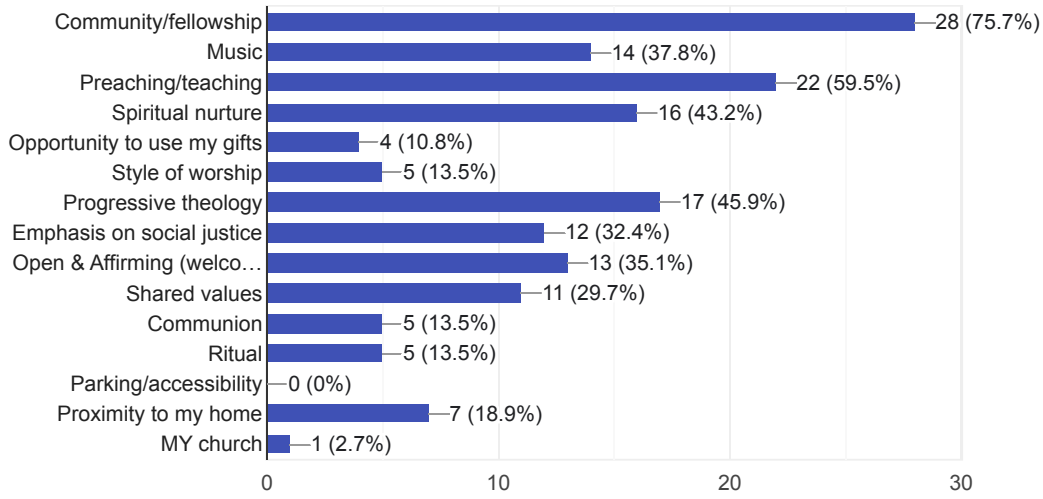
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Please choose the TOP 3-5 factors that contribute to your decision to attend worship at ACC.

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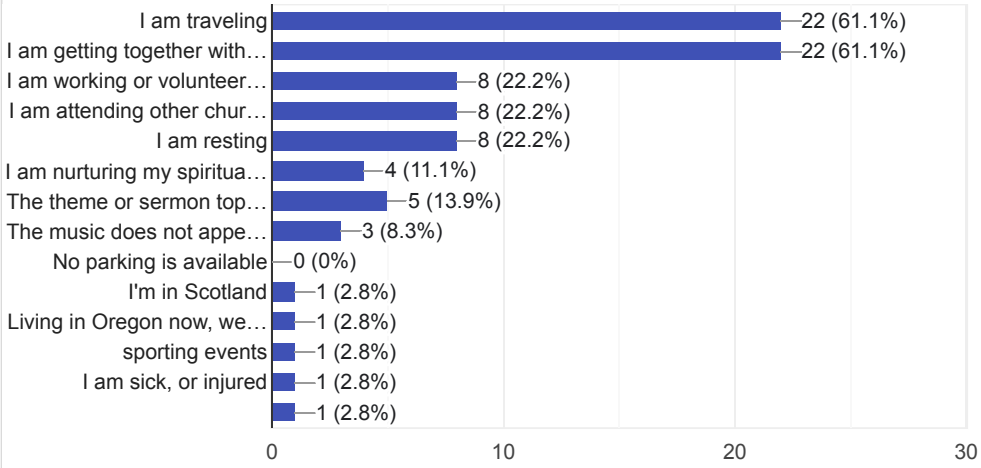
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When you don't attend worship at ACC, which of the following are often or sometimes true? (Choose all that apply)

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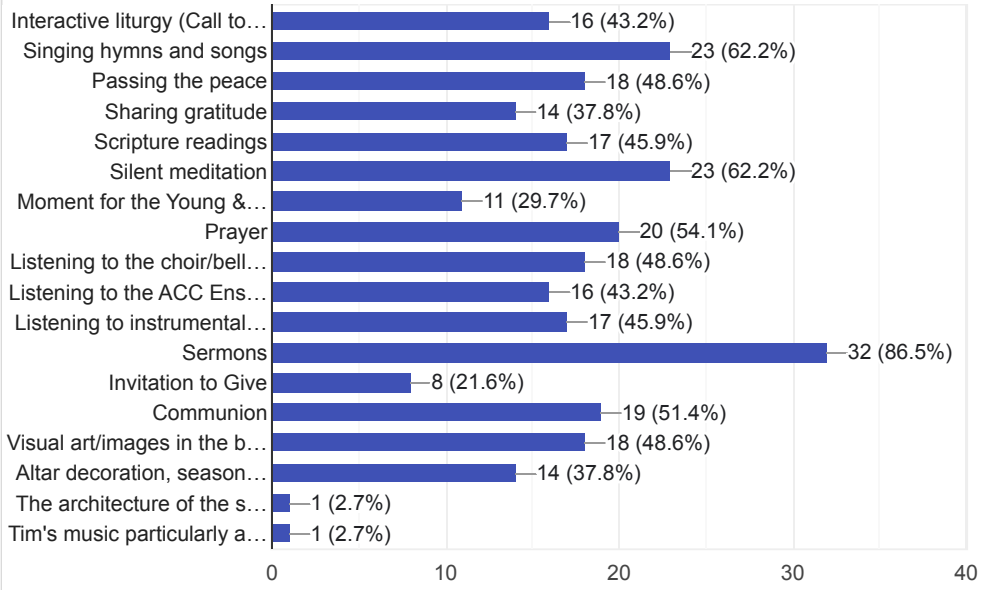
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What aspects of ACC's worship services nurture your faith or spirituality, help you connect with God, or affect you in a meaningful way? (Choose all that apply.)

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37 responses



Are there any changes that would make ACC's worship services more meaningful, spiritually nurturing, or enjoyable to you?

26 responses

No

More connection to society/social justice/racial inequality topics.

pre/post discussion of sermon text--more engagement with the fscripture of the week

can't think of any. I love Jen's programming; how all components for together. I really like Moment for the Young and Young at Heart even when no kids--they help prepare me for the sermon. Jen is very skilled. I wish we could go back to Including Sermon Scripture Studies during the week--I like studying scripture and these sessions prepared me to get more out of the sermon.

A worship service is just that--a worship service. Reading poetry, conversations about faith etc. are spectrum discussions. They are not a worship service. Each service could include a ritual--a brief song etc--at the beginning and end of the worship service that centers one on making one feel connected to the space and people. Not just the Lord's prayer and doxology.

nol

Less social justice, more Bible teaching

More biblical theology

Small groups and having others who are in my age range to connect with

I would like a longer silent meditation time. Also I think we could skip young & young at heart if no children are present.

Shorter sermons. Currently too much is put into them. This makes the service too long!

Ask the congregation questions sometimes during worship

There are lots of moving parts in the weekly liturgy--I would enjoy having fewer things and perhaps more time to enjoy them. They're all good! But it sometimes feels like a bit of a sprint.

It's wonderful to have young musicians play during service. Maybe we could invite seminary students to participate in some Sunday services as liturgist. Or to provide a homily. Aaron's recent homily was wonderful.

Less Bible scripture.

None. The variety of prayer, music. and scripture along with good sermons fulfills us.

Perhaps a variety of leaders from other faith traditions, both Christian and non-Christian

Choir music selection to more contemporary and familiar type

Would not want to change anything

More of the Ensemble

More spiritual sermons by Jen

More young people

We stand too often. We all are getting older and standing is getting more difficult. Standing needs to be reviewed.

Q&A discussions, topics such as GRIP or BWB belong in Spectrums, not worship. I avoid Sundays if I know Pastor Jen will be gone and the speaker isn't a pastor

I would like more quiet, softer voices. The performance nature of the services bothers me, such as the choir standing on the chancel, Tim insisting that people stay for his entire postlude, even the moment for children and the sermon can seem like performance art. I find that the spirituality that I am looking for is missing.

Are there any changes that you think would make ACC's worship services more meaningful, spiritually nurturing, or enjoyable to others who aren't currently attending? (Your relatives, friends, neighbors, or others in the community)

20 responses

More connection to the modern world and topics.

Hard to say--

can't think of any. Hard to know what others would like.

No

What makes one know this is a Christian church when you walk in? Well, the cross is one. There is not a Bible in a pew, there is a not Bible study, readings are never done from the Bible. This is a worship space. Not a "happy hour" greeting. Where do we show it is a worship space?

no

Same as above.

Increasing the congregation to include all generations

ACC ensemble on third Sundays should not use amplification. Sanctuary is not large. Flute, violin, piano, harp and organ are fine without it. Ban amplification.

I don’t think so

Continuing to offer options for kids (when they attend) is very important--both for them and for their guardians. I love that about ACC!

Younger voices and visibility of young adults would help.

Include spiritual wisdom from different faiths.

Can't think of anything more.

I believe trying to appease ourselves traditional service/worship/liturgy with may take away from a vibrancy that is appealing to others

Too difficult for me to answer

See above

young people prefer contemporary music, modern songwriters

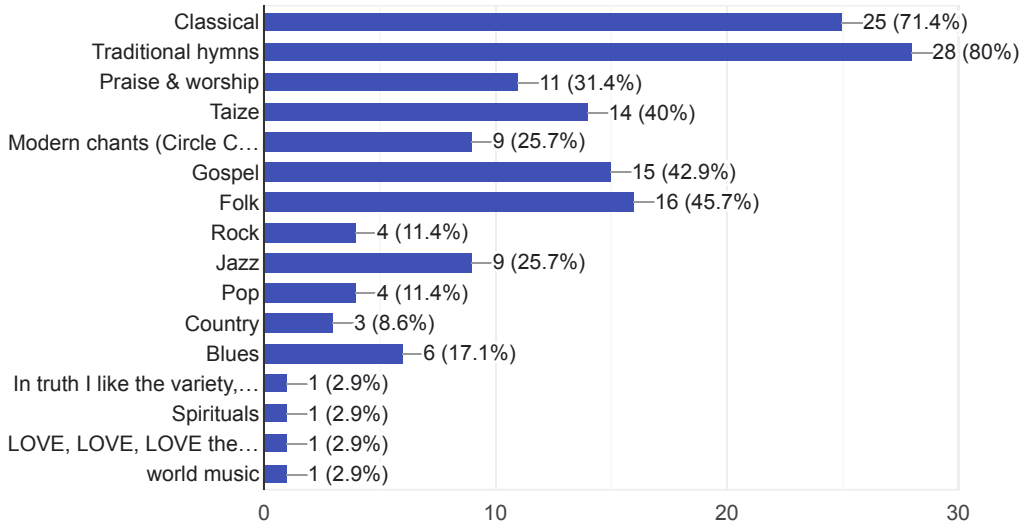
I like organ music, quieter and longer periods of contemplation/ meditation. Perhaps Taizé more often and for longer.

Can’t think of any

Which of the following music styles do you find spiritually nurturing or help you feel connected to God, yourself, and others? (Choose all that apply.)

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35 responses



Are there any specific hymns or songs you would like us to sing?

12 responses

Hallelujah, spirit in the sky

"Blessed Be the Tie That Binds" at the end of every communion. Really..

Music is so central to a worship service. Look at the faces of the congregation.

no

Any from the hymnal

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Sweet Bye and Bye, Be Still My Soul, Old Wooden Cross

Draw the Circle Wide

Spirit of the living God.

No, and sung with a faster rhythm and enthusiasm! The false piety of singing at a very slow pace is dragging.

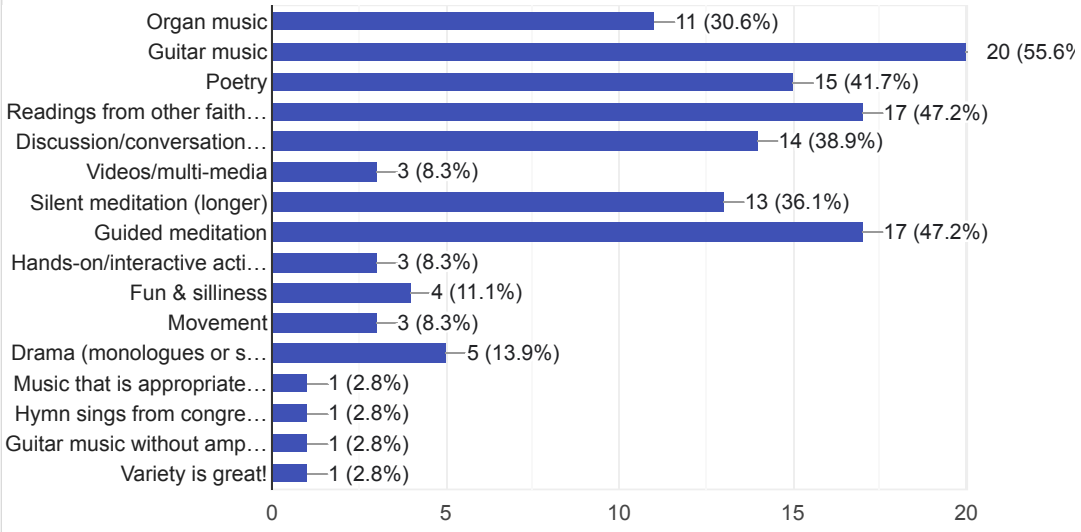
In the Garden; Great is Thy Faithfulness; In the Bud There is a Flower; Ode to Joy

No

Which of the following would you enjoy more often in worship? (Choose all that apply.)

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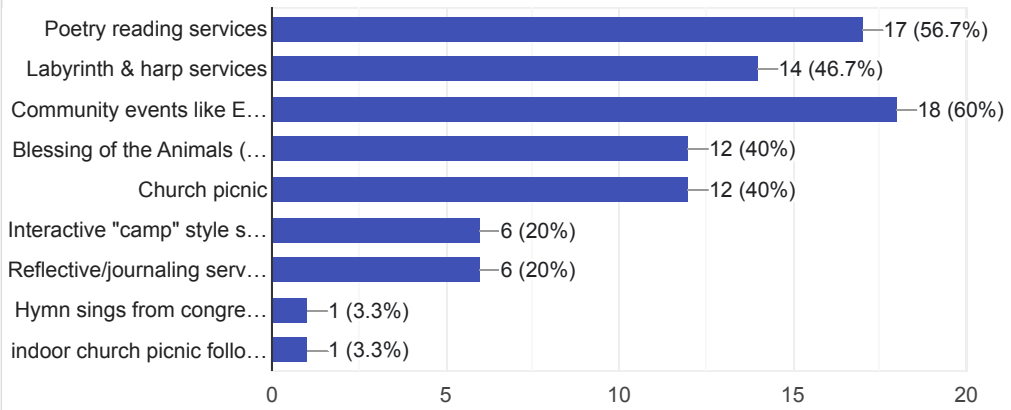
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Which of the following special services would you like us to do again?

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30 responses



Is there anything else you would like to share about worship?

21 responses

No

mostly love it it as it is. Particularly appreciate Pastor Jen's sermons and programming.

I always appreciate it.

We might talk about what worship is supposed to do--

nope--thanks for asking.

Each one of us is on our own spiritual journey. what feeds us at different times changes. Maybe it is the nature of UCC that everyone wants to do their own thing and not be united in a ritual. this is my conflict now. What do I need now to feed my soul.

no

Less political references, less social justice, more evangelical emphasis . The great commission Jesus wants as our mission. Financing missionaries like ACC once did. (Dr Rameriz in the 60's)

This church feels like home

Ban amplification. Make sure liturgist and others speak into the microphone; voice often so soft those in the sanctuary and at home cannot hear what is being said/read.

Using songs from the New Century Hymnal with some of the information given about the hymns

Keep up the live/recorded streams for those of us out of state!

I'm so grateful to be a part of ACC

ACC is a gift to many different kinds of people. That's hard to do, and we are grateful!

I think worship could have a different flow on different Sundays, and maybe something more service oriented on 5th Sundays.

The fact thar it is available on-line is a life line for us.

I believe trying to appease ourselves traditional service/worship/liturgy with may take away from a vibrancy that is appealing to others

Our services have an intentional arc. Do we all understand that?

Services should be over at 11 a.m., not 11:15 a.m.

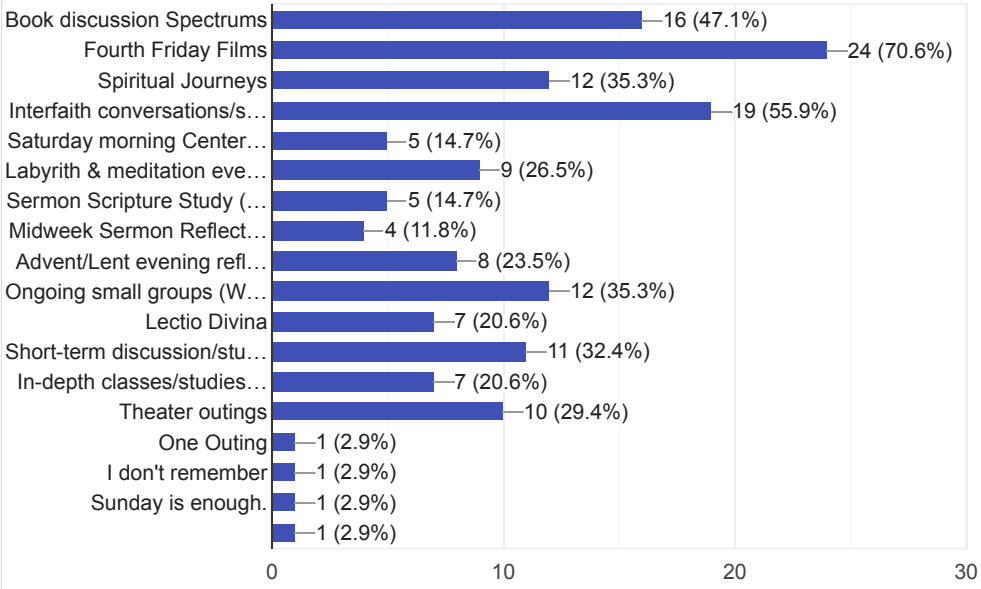
Please use pulpit supply when the pastor is away, and not have discussions or presentations on local groups, or organizations.

Faith & Spiritual Life

Which of the following Faith & Spiritual Life activities have you participated in during the last couple of years? (Check all that apply.)

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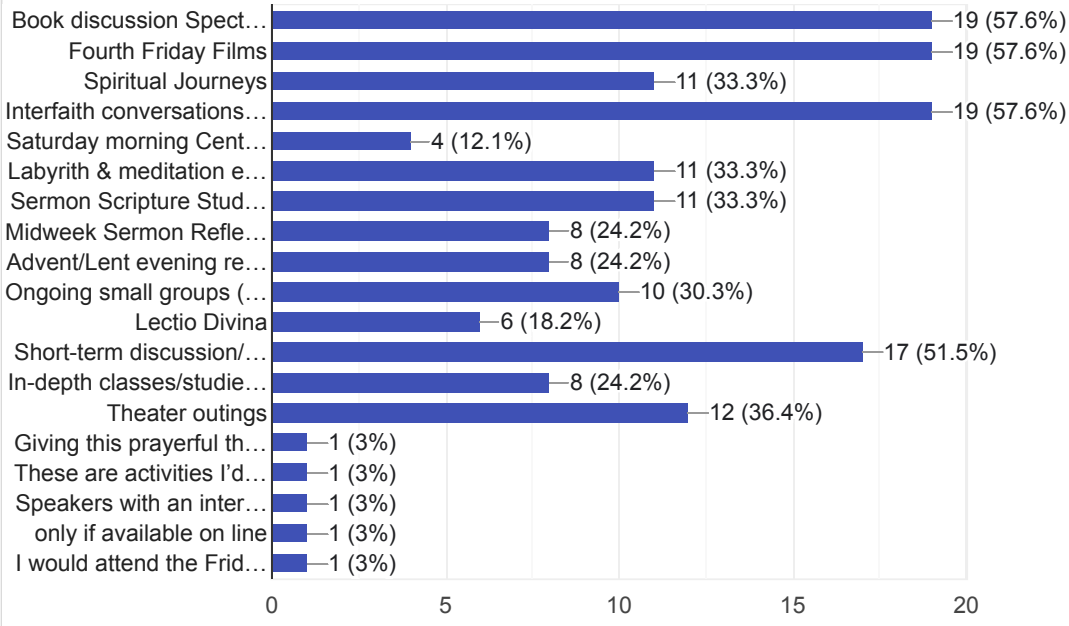
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Which activities would you like to participate in during the coming year? (Choose all that apply.)

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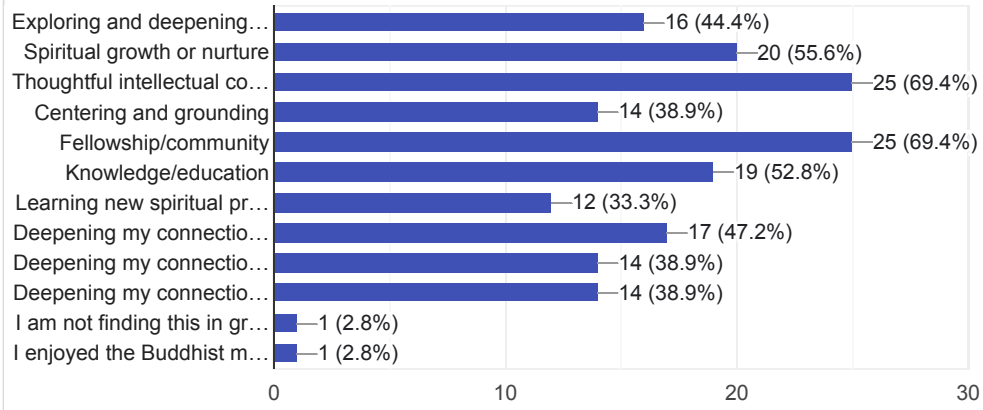
33 responses



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Please indicate which aspects of participating in these activities you find especially meaningful. (Choose all that apply.)

36 responses



What barriers, if any, prevent you from participating more fully in ACC's Faith & Spiritual Life activities?

22 responses

no barriers other than not enough time to do everything I would like to do.

Just being busy in life

"Spiritual" is vaguely defined. I need a specific Christian spirituality. I am finding sources outside organized church activities and programs.

time and other commitments

None

Personal challenges and what I need at this time in my life.

Times of days offered

Time of day. I am either working or having dinner with family.

Sunday is enough, my faith is practiced through active support of infrastructure

Distance and busy schedule (regarding not being able to attend the midweek events)

Not enough time, a lot of competing activities

I am an ACC alum who now lives in another state.

Busy weekends playing sports in league competitions and weekdays I still work at my job

Scheduling conflicts (evening work, kid's bedtime, etc.). Love all the Zoom options!

Time -- seems too many are offered.

Limited to on-line, since we live in Oregon.

time - other interests and commitments

My limited mobility

Time and other commitments

health

Time

None

Which aspects of faith and spiritual life would you like to explore with this community? (The word cloud image below offers ideas, feel free to add your own!)

18 responses

all of those shown--nice graphic!

Belonging

God, Jesus, Christ, Love, Doubt, Despair, Joy, Hunger, Questioning, Justice, Estrangement, God, Jesus, Christ, Love, Prayer, Study

all shown!

Aging, Justice

aging justice

God, Jesus, Purpose, Joy

Fellowship

Fellowship, justice, Black lives, the arts (like theater outings)

Joint worship with UCC and other denominations by visiting them or having them visit ACC, maybe flip/flop

Aging , mental health, addiction recovery, community service

LGBT+ (maybe a small group discussing the recent "When We All Get to Heaven" podcast, Interfaith, Art (maybe organize some gallery + museum trips?), Creation

belonging joy justice inter-faith

Interfaith

Joy, belonging, incarnation,

Study, Justice, aging, interfaith, belonging, questioning, Jesus

justice, questioning, fellowship

Interfaith fellowship

What additional resources, support or opportunities would you like to see offered to help deepen your faith and foster your spiritual growth?

13 responses

Seems to me that we already have a wealth of opportunities at ACC. Always love new ideas.

"Bible Study"--that engages all of the above

more attention to scripture, bible studies

None

I wish I had just the right answer.

Bible study possibly after church service while people are there.

Occasional small group on a specific topic

Mention the library and books you can lend out.

Opportunities for contemplative prayer + meditation

Book studies and discussion

Outreach into the community for service and participation.

Book studies, spiritual journeys, bible studies

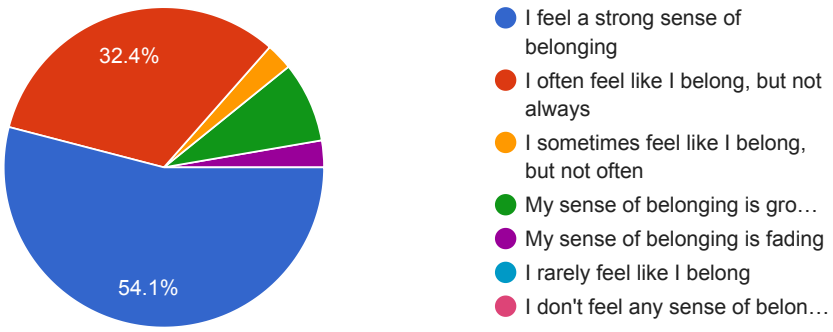
none that I can identify

Community & Congregational Care

Which of the following statements best reflects your sense of belonging at ACC?

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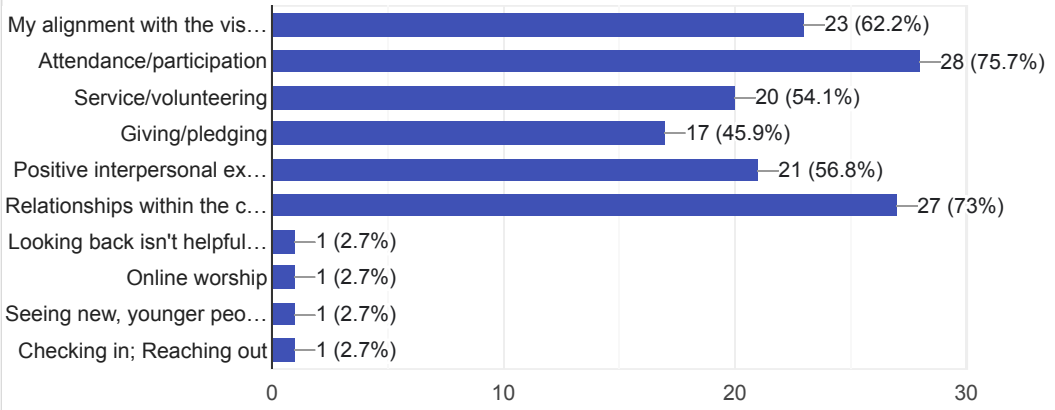
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Which of the following have contributed significantly to your sense of belonging at ACC? (Choose all that apply.)

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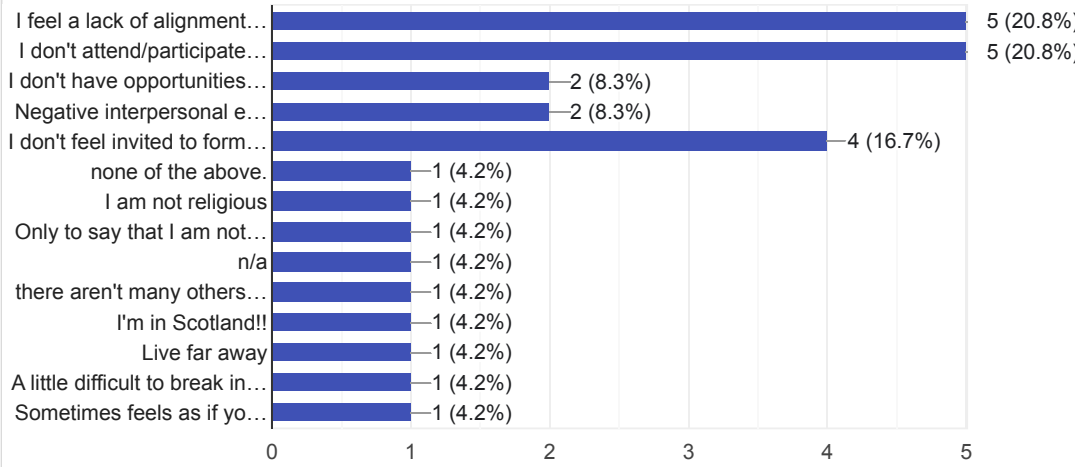
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What inhibits your sense of belonging at ACC? (Choose all that apply.)

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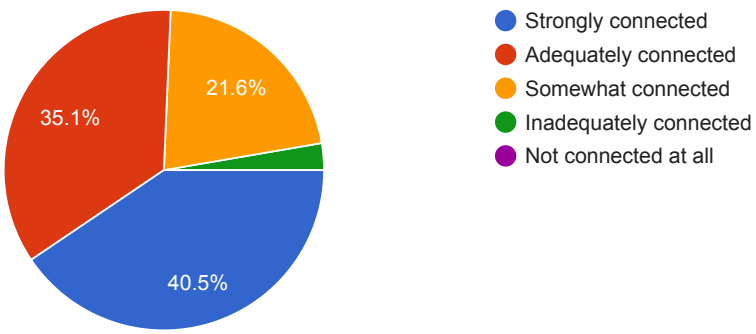
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How connected do you feel to the congregation?

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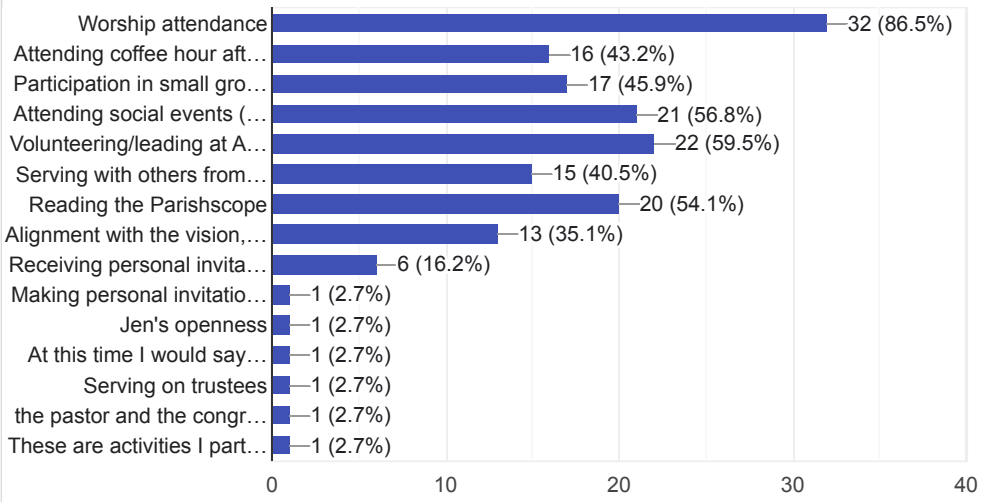
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What do you think has contributed to your sense of connection? (Choose all that apply.)

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37 responses



What barriers, if any, have made it difficult for you to connect more deeply?

15 responses

can't think of any other than not enough time to do everything.

my personality, if any.

not enough time to do all I want to do plus all I have to do.

None

I have not reached out enough and have heard from so few people

Activities schedules

I don’t align with the political agenda that’s ever present .

ages of the members

Busy Sundays competing in tennis league matches. However the season ends in November

Some (perhaps unintentional) distance between long-time and newer members/attendees

time, other commitments

Move out of state, but love YouTube and zoom!

Mobility issues

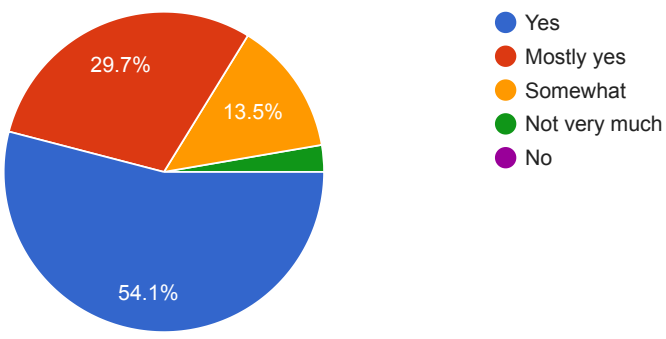
my health

Difficult to say. Folks are friendly but not always embracing. Reserved and shy.

Do you feel cared for by people in the congregation?

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37 responses



If there is any kind of care you wish to receive that you are not receiving, please share it here.

7 responses

n/a

can't think of any

No

I don't know the answer

no point

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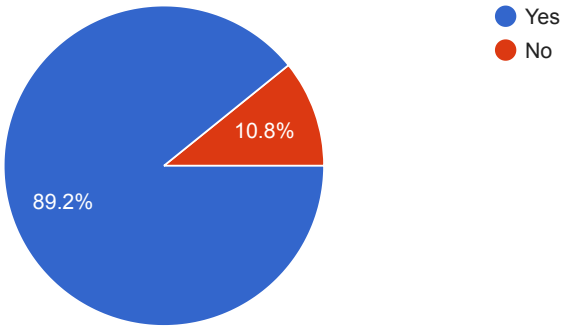
I crave visits, by any one at any time

Health & Safety

Are you aware of the ACC Health & Safety Committee?

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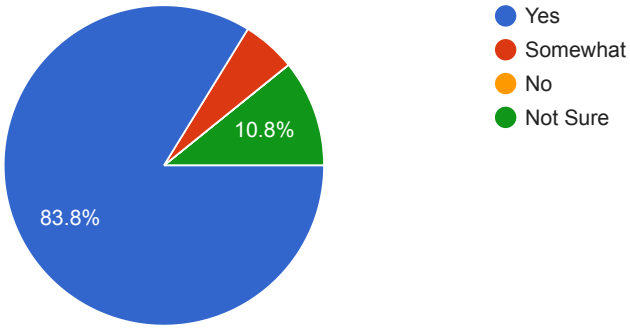
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Do you feel the work of the Health & Safety Committee improves congregational safety?

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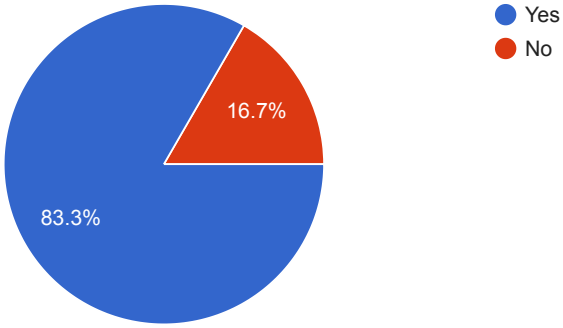
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Do you know how to report a safety concern?

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36 responses



Any suggestions for improving health & safety at ACC?

12 responses

No

more attention to security/access control. Also safer way to cross Arlington.

keep making it a topic for discussion

safer street crossing

Just grateful for those dealing with safety issues

no

3-4 announcements on one Sunday can be...a bit much. :)

NA

The grate in the sidewalk just north of the ramp entrance is a barrier to wheelchairs.

Have greeters remain near the backdoor during services to observe who enters after the service begins.

Final Thoughts

That's the end of our survey! If there is something you would like to share that hasn't been asked, go ahead and share it here.

13 responses

Thank you very much for asking. I am happy to be at ACC. I love the people, the Pastor, the values and the work.

Jen and the members of the church really make it special.

thank you for asking these good questions

Thank you for this survey

Good survey. I feel heard .

I do worry about the future of the church. People move away and not many new people come in.

There are times when I do not share due to our use of photography and broadcasting. There things I would say to people present BUT using online because those present can ask questions, get clarification of statements. I have expressed this before.

Better communication FROM the Council, perhaps a monthly Parishscope from the Moderator or Vice Moderator. One time a year at the Annual Meeting is way too little. We who are not in attendance at Council meetings have no clue what's going on.

I am concerned about the sustainability of the church. Whether the church grows with middle-age to older people, or younger families, it seems almost impossible to attract more people. Our facility is in good condition. The survey did not get at possible new ways to be a service organization for the community and the world. Participation with other churches and organizations. It seemed to focus on ourselves (me) and our needs.

No. Thank you for your work.

NA

The need to revitalize Christian worship

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