ENGAGE IN INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY

Our committee had a lovely discussion about inter-generational relationship opportunities at Grace. I shared a story with the committee about the organic relationship that developed between Daniel and Nancy Dunleavy. Diane Parks and Carman Smith recalled their own experiences as children with the older woman who made an impression on them. They have fond memories of those times and relationships and the lifelong impacts were clear. We identified those children coming into worship half way through the 10am service is unique and shows that we value the togetherness of kids and adults. We identified that non-parenting adult volunteers who serve in Wonder Kids and those who attend coffee hours are current opportunities for various generations to mix and mingle.

Below are suggestions regarding how we can use the resources of Grace to allow for more fellowship opportunities between the generations:

- Monthly movie or kid-friendly engagement opportunity for families to fellowship.
- Host coffee hour between services as opposed to after 10am. It would help bridge that time and unify the attendees from both services - we envision kids playing while parents sip coffee; maybe provide donuts, but otherwise no food or special preparation beyond brewing coffee.

- Wonder Kids will begin soon at 9:45 as opposed to 10am and this coffee hour would provide a nice energy burn opportunity before the kids go in to learn.

- Ensure opportunities are delivered through the newsletter and announcements

- Carman would like to see a Christmas pageant at a new service time of 4:00, instead of 6:00

- Member spotlight to include children from time to time. Example: "Meet Daniel. He is in 4th grade at Madison Street Academy, loves football and cheeseburgers. What he loves most about his church is…"

- Pen Pals - pair a young person with an old person to send cards back and forth in the mail. Kids love mail. It would be an opportunity for older folks, who perhaps go to 8am service, to connect with a younger person on their own time.