

YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY

- 25 -- more intergenerational worship services; comfortable for all ages; children and youth and young families more active in all of the service; e.g. one time per month
- 18 -- get YIKES involved in Sunday service eg reading ushering greeting offering -- be more visible
- 14 -- Knox could look at Moorcroft as a facility to use for our youth
- 13 -- church not relevant to 'our' children (ages 30-45) - see Emerging Spirit info
- 12 -- what about ministry to the youth of the community
- 12 -- what do other churches offer that attracts young families; we have to either change or accept our smaller numbers
- 11 -- space for Ballenas kids to eat lunch, could lead to more of a program
- 9 -- make our theology more contemporary (see Wonder Cafe site), progressive, in tune with today's (scientific) thinking
- 8 -- we need to take care of our Sunday School
- 8 -- modern SS curriculum, age appropriate eg Young Life (non denominational)
- 7 -- get youth involved in planning their activities - not on Sunday, in their comfort zone. Let them develop their leadership skills. One example is Moorcroft
- 7 -- have youth participate in church services and serving coffee -- participation, not perfection
- 7 -- like Hilde's stories
- 7 -- children's activities during the week are missing
- 6 -- liked idea of table in sanctuary for children in summer
- 5 -- church dances
- 5 -- suggest 6 week revolving schedule for SS teachers
- 5 -- more sharing of what goes on at church; speak at church
- 4 -- open to Ballenas kids for lunch time - "safe environment
- 4 -- picnics/BBQ/ movies -- need a facility or rent a place to camp together as the Knox parking lot doesn't cut it
- 4 -- teen work trip to a developing country
- 3 -- reach out to younger parents
- 3 -- junior choir to participate in service; could this draw in more young adults?
- 3 -- youth dances; games night; could be opened to community; supervised by Knox

3 -- to attract new younger families : mothers'/dads' mornings out - with speakers, socializing -- SOS has 'yoga mamas'
3 -- family nights: dancing, films, games, food e.g. new years eve and other special dates -- all ages

2 -- what do we mean by SS; are we basing our definition on our own childhood experience

2 -- competition with Sunday sports -- have SS on a different day or time (YIKES meets in evenings)

2 -- young couples club - advertise to newcomers

2 -- newcomers club: social

2 -- need more youth but fortunate to have 2 good YIKES groups

2 -- we say we want youth but no evidence of it -- hired Hilde for this and she asks if we really want it

2 -- a teen could tell the story during children's time

2 -- communicate with other churches to see what they do to keep youth

2 -- Young Life curriculum successful at St. Stephens (2 age groups), run by youth

2 -- encourage grandparents to bring their grandchildren

2 -- drop in for adult 'drop outs'

2 -- what do our Sunday services look like -- do they attract young people? Have drama, music teams on a revolving basis

2 -- camp is one avenue into church, therefore we need to keep Moorcroft going

2 -- contact families we have lost - what could we do to get them back

2 -- service organized and run by youth can make a very popular non-Sunday experience for whole families

2 -- life so busy for families

2 -- church service could also happen mid week

1 -- we hired Hilde to do youth ministry

1 -- cross denominational week day activities

1 -- provide incentives to bring friends

1 -- advertise our liberal theology/spirituality to youth

1 -- why can Baptist church attract kids -- maybe activities like Bethlehem walk involve them in the rest of the church

1 -- curriculum matters

1 -- drop in for newcomers or moms and tots

1 -- child care for adult programs

0 -- youth run committee eg plan Friday night social evening with pizza and music advertised at local secondary schools, led by senior youths, tied in with youth minister for ages 15 - 22. Leader would report at next Sunday service

0 -- Sunday evening community jam session

0 -- St Stephens Thurs. lunch is bringing kids in on Sundays too

0 -- programs for single moms and dads

0 -- more info about SS - do we provide enough support to teachers?

- 0 -- if SS happened first, kids could participate in service later
- 0 -- kids could stay after baptism and communion if they want and talk about what they saw
- 0 -- regular family nights -- all ages
- 0 -- advertising: door to door, welcome wagon, newcomers
- 0 -- does Sunday School program contain diverse curriculum in keeping with the times?
- 0 -- needs to be communication between what goes on in Sunday School and the congregation
- 0 -- help Sunday School teachers -- even clean up
- 0 -- try to reconnect with youth and adults who have left
- 0 -- evenings, alternate times might work for youth
- 0 -- advertise YIKES in church ad
- 0 -- are small children welcome at Knox in the sanctuary?
- 0 -- advertise YIKES in school newsletters
- 0 -- get non- Knox kids into the facility; space for mid week activities e.g. cubs and scouts
- 0 -- "gym" space would be an advantage
- 0 -- area for Ballenas music practice, drama, jazz
- 0 -- could we access someone else's gym
- 0 -- children and youth involvement in healing touch -- natural affinity
- 0 -- we don't expect our kids to attend church regularly
- 0 -- example of a princess tea party could bring in people who would never come in, not necessarily a religious event
- 0 -- adventure bible camp attracted 15 kids -- only 4 were from Knox
- 0 -- fasts for various causes could be invited to use Knox
- 0 -- survey our youth for their suggestions
- 0 -- need more communication/sharing with Sunday School
- 0 -- Christmas pageant not always supported by larger congregation
- 0 -- have youth take more part in Sunday service, so they're more comfortable attending church
- 0 -- more members of congregation could attend S.S. and make a connection
- 0 -- contemporary service like St. Stephens
- 0 -- Thursday lunch popular with teens at St. Stephens -- work harder to find out what is working there and at Baptist church -- no necessarily 'churchy'
- 0 -- keep connected with YIKES graduates
- 0 -- sponsor campers to Naramata and other camps
- 0 -- take music to Sunday School
- 0 -- need to attract more SS teachers (all ages are currently in one class)
- 0 -- biggest need is youngest kids
- 0 -- demographic reality is fewer young kids in area today
- 0 -- 14 families in our church = 28???
- 0 -- YIKES - 20-30 does bring in other kids
- 0 -- our focus has been ministry to OUR youth
- 0 -- do we need a street ministry
- 0 -- after school care; drop in (volunteer run)
- 0 -- play centre - parent supervised, equipment, safe location

- 0 -- more feedback on what goes on in SS eg curriculum
- 0 -- YIKES could report in newsletter
- 0 -- Monday late afternoon worship/supper/youth time
- 0 -- youth want even more 'modern' music
- 0 -- Moorcroft means a lot to people who go there as children or adults

SUMMARY BY ONE FACILITATOR:

YOUTH

1. LOOK AT MOORCROFT AS A FACILITY FOR OUR YOUTH
2. PROVIDE SPACE FOR BALLENAS YOUTH TO EAT LUNCH
3. ALTERNATE TO SUNDAY AM SERVICE -- TO INCLUDE SPORTS, FOOD, WORSHIP TIME

CHILDREN/SUNDAY SCHOOL

1. LOOK AT CURRICULUM SUCH AS YOUNG LIFE AND OTHER EXPERIENCES
2. MID WEEK ACTIVITIES MISSING -- POSSIBLY JOIN WITH ANOTHER CHURCH FOR THEM
3. ATTRACT MORE SS TEACHERS AND TAKE CARE OF THEM EG A REVOLVING SCHEDULE

PROGRAMS FOR YOUNG ADULTS/FAMILIES

1. CHURCH NOT RELEVANT TO AGES 30-45
2. WHAT DO OTHER CHURCHES OFFER THAT ATTRACTS YOUNG FAMILIES
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