

# **Muncie College Avenue UMC Intergenerational Ministries Plan 2014-2015**

This comprehensive Intergenerational Ministries Plan has been developed with the objective to support our church's Mission and Vision. Our Mission and Vision are:

**Mission** – The mission of the United Methodist Church is “To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world”.

**Vision** - We are a spirit-filled, Christian community that welcomes all people to gather to worship God, grow in faith, and go to serve in love.

## **As we GATHER, we will intentionally:**

Worship through interactive, multi-sensory, and intergenerational experiences. We would start implementing these new ideas in the Cafe non-traditional service and holiday services, and then move to the traditional service.

Increase and deepen fellowship through all-church events, e.g. game night, BSU volleyball game, fall bonfire, swimming party, picnic, and Mardi Gras. Ensuring everyone is invited and welcome.

Equip ministry teams to engage across generations, including in their leadership. Our team would help educate on cultural differences across generations.

## **As we GROW, we will purposefully:**

Engage every member or participant in a small group for study, learning, prayer, fellowship, and/or service. As we generate new groups, we will create opportunities that appeal across generations.

Select Sunday School resources that bridge generations for liturgical seasons, stewardship efforts, or specific series in worship. On special Sundays and in the summer, we would encourage a one-room schoolhouse model.

Expand Vacation Bible School to a six-week, midweek intergenerational worship experience (Wednesday Wilderness Escape). We'll eat together, worship together, and learn together. For 2014, we'll use Group Publishing's Wilderness Escape.

Encourage existing intergenerational ministries (e.g. UMW/UMM) to invite older and younger participants.

Develop a mentoring program that partners members on journeys through new membership, confirmation, high school and college, and other major life changes.

**As we GO, we will deliberately:**

Develop a culture of hands-on ministry with the local missions we support financially. Identify a variety of age-appropriate mission projects with a specific emphasis on the Muncie community. Engage at least quarterly in a multi-generational mission opportunity.

Expand mission trips to invite those 6th grade and up. Plan experiences that are accessible, affordable, and workable for student schedules.

Equip people with the tools, resources, and the confidence to invite their friends, neighbors, colleagues, and even strangers to church. Encourage neighborhood and campus canvassing for start of school and special events.

Partner with Cardinal Campus Ministries to reach out to students with an on-campus presence. When students come to us, fully integrate them into the church family.