

## INTER GENERATIONAL CHURCH

**OVER ARCHING GOAL-** To become an Inter Generational Church at Siloam where all generations are welcome and given a place

**Team Members:** Jen Prince, Allison O'Connor, Kaye Appleby, Pauline Newton, Lynn McClary, Erin Salter and Dan Davis.

1. Establish the direction and approach for the 2019-2020 Sunday School and Youth program at Siloam.

a) Deliver current Sunday school curriculum for both JK to Gr. 6 and Grades 7-12.

### Tasks / Action Plans

- i) Recruit sufficient volunteers to assist in Sunday School so that each volunteer is only required to teach once per quarter. Jen to reach out personally to invite members to volunteer once per quarter.
- ii) Develop a video that is informative, shows the value of Sunday School and encourages people to volunteer as a Sunday school teacher.
- iii) Identify other resources needed to enhance the programs for Sunday school and youth.

2. Structure the early part of traditional services when all ages are worshipping together to provide a more enriching experience for children and youth.

a) Make the first 10 minutes of the Traditional service more meaningful, enjoyable and enriching for the Youth.

### Tasks / Action Plans

- i) Move announcements to a later time slot.
- ii) In consultation with Sheila, Todd and David, include more contemporary and youth oriented anthems that will be inspirational for all ages, along with the more traditional pieces
- iii) Frequently and when appropriate, have the Senior Choir perform the Anthem while Youth is in attendance.
- iv) More Youth involvement in the service- Readers, collection, good news announcements, music presentations etc.
- v) Use new and creative ways to present prayers and scripture in the early part of the service. - ie videos, photos, artwork from Sunday School and/or Youth Cafe.

3. Develop a New Approach to a Contemporary Service for all Generations of Siloam to enjoy.

a) This Service will continue to be offered once per month. Two of these services will include the Christmas and Spring Siloam Friends and Family Musicals. This is a pilot project to be evaluated at the end of June 2020.

- b) Leadership will be shared between Sheila, Jen, Anne and Allison O'Connor with active participation from congregation members of all ages. Responsibility for delivering the message and leading liturgical elements of the service will be shared by the Ministry Team and strive to be carried out in traditional and newly creative ways that have been previously well-received. (Video Prayers, Artwork created by Youth Formation classes, dramatizations of scripture, readings and message) all designed to be fun, inclusive and interactive.
- c) Music will be planned as a collaboration of Clergy and Ministry of Music personnel. It could include both contemporary and traditional hymns, an Anthem from the Choir or a small group or duet of choir members and possibly youth or other Musicians.
- d) Faith Formation classes (JK to Grade 6 and Youth Café classes) will remain in the Sanctuary with a quiet activity set up at tables in place of the chairs nearest to the choir.

Tasks / Action Plans

- i) Jen and Allison to coordinate with Sheila, Todd and David to develop this new approach to a Contemporary Service.
- ii) Start the services in September.
- iii) Evaluate success and next steps at the end of June 2020.

4. Enhance and expand the reach of Allison's music program within our community and at Siloam.

- a) Provide the resources required to support a Spring and Christmas Family and Friends Musical at Siloam

Tasks / Action Plans

- i) Communicate this event via Social Media and flyers to all Siloam members and families.
- ii) Enlist the support of our Senior Choir members to make this truly an all generation event.
- iii) Support financially. i.e. at the rehearsals, provide adult and youth friendly snacks and drinks, purchase music, any other support required.

- b) Identify resources and approach required to establish an ongoing Youth music program at Siloam.

Tasks / Action Plans

- i) Based on the success of Spring and Christmas Family and Friends Musical, develop a plan.

5. Develop and/or enhance current family oriented "short term" events

- a) Establish a Gardening Project that will deliver 250 baskets of fresh vegetables for the various Food Banks.

Tasks / Action Plans

- i) Recruit Gardeners from our congregation and our Community utilizing social media and traditional communication methods.
- ii) Recruit a Champion(s) who will create and manage, on a self-directed bases, the Gardening project and ensure the Project delivers on the objective.
- iii) Other Options- Provide Garden Plots to members of our Congregation or Rent out Plots to members of our Community.

- c) Sponsor a Road Hockey event in our Siloam Parking Lot

Tasks / Action Plans

- i) Through social and traditional media, determine interest in this event and support it.
- ii) Recruit a Champion to run the event. Given insurance constraints, consider recruiting the Boy Scouts to Champion and use their insurance coverage.

- d) Family BBQ and Dance

Tasks / Action Plans

- i) Determine interest with youth and Young Families for this event.
- ii) Recruit a Champion to run the event.
- iii) Investigate and engage a Band for the Dance
- iv) Provide social and traditional media support to advertise the event.

- e) Other suggestions-

- i) Youth Sleepover and Karaoke night. Interest has been expressed from attendees of the Coffee House as well as Siloam Youth.
- ii) Caroling at Christmas time. Engage the Youth and Choir support.

6. Enhance Key Family and Youth oriented programs: Messy Church, Youth Forum and Coffee House.

- a) Messy Church

Tasks / Action Plans

- i) Plan to hold on a regular and consistent basis. Book the facilities well in advance for 2020. (easier to cancel than to book last minute)
- ii) Develop a Video to better communicate to the congregation and our community what Messy Church is.
- iii) Communicate and invite people to attend through Social and Traditional media as well as our new sign.
- iv) Consider developing a Team of volunteers to assist with the delivery of this event. (Especially if it increases in size)

b) Coffee House

Tasks / Action Plans

- i) Continue financial support of this event being hosted at the Beacock Library.
- ii) Secure the required funds two months in advance to help streamline the planning and delivery of the program.

c) Youth Forum

Tasks / Action Plans

- i) Work with and support the Antler River Watershed Regional Council on the delivery of this program.