

November 18, 2014

Dear Grace Church Family and Friends,

Last summer, I was having lunch with a parishioner, the parent of two young children. We were talking about many different topics, but one thing she mentioned was how difficult it was for parents to get to know other parents, even at church. With all the running around after kids, there was little opportunity to spend time with other parents.

Not long afterwards, Rev. Amanda told me another parent raised the very same issue with her. That parent thought the church should do something to help bring all the parents together, and most importantly, she said, "I'll help organize it."

Wow! To us clergy, that's gold.

At Grace Church, our *Vision for the Future* states: We believe that Grace Church is called to be that "city on a hill" where people of all races and cultures come to build their relationships with God and others.

In order to realize that vision, we need all of you. We need your ideas, your time, your commitment. YOU are Grace Church, and your volunteering makes our worship and music, our Christmas Bazaar, our Pennyworth Shop, all possible. Without you, there is no church, and so, the more you can do, the more we can do for God.

This coming Sunday, November 23, we are hosting a brunch for parents with young children, beginning at 9:15 a.m. Childcare is provided. If you would like to attend, or if you have questions, please contact Rev. Amanda at the church office.

Thank you to the parent volunteers who made this brunch possible. And, thank you to ALL our volunteers who make our ministries possible. We are truly grateful.

See you in church,
Andrew