

# CE News Letter

There have been some exciting things going on at the Federated Church of Ashland lately and plans for CE are just a part of them.

We are working to make our church a place our kids want to be. To that end, we have come up with some ideas that we are in the process of implementing. We would like to make you aware of what some of these things are.

- It is generally agreed that it would be great to have the kids more involved in the worship services. We are working to find ways to make this happen. We are currently looking for kids with musical ability to play in the Sunday service as Annabel Rutherford did January 31. James Goldsberry has a list of available dates.

We are looking for members of the youth groups willing to serve as liturgists during a service. This can be done by one youth or by two together if the kids would feel more comfortable working as a team.

- We are planning to introduce more contemporary music to the kid's chapel time with the hope of including it into some of the services.
- We want to promote intergenerational activities to encourage relationships with our children and older members of our congregation. We will be sending cards, delivering flowers and possibly visiting people from time to time after the service.
- We are planning quarterly outings outside the church starting with a tubing trip to Nashoba on February 21. We will have Sunday themes that will encourage kids to bring friends to church and we are creating more opportunities for kids to use their talents in the service.
- We are looking at ways to use the Coffee House. Possibilities include game nights, movie nights, crafts and karaoke on Friday or Saturday nights that would interest kids of various ages. Our first such night is planned for March 12.
- As of February 21 we will have our nursery professionally staffed. This will give our nursery participants consistency and a familiar face to greet them each week.

These are just a few of the ideas that we are working on to make the church a fun and important part of our kids lives and our community. We look forward to your participation and ideas to help make this church a great place.

Blessings,  
James Goldsberry, Vickie Mancini, Linda Russo  
Members of the "Awareness Committee"