

Youth Feedback/Ideas from March 10, 2024

- Best time for education hour is after service, 11 am
- We like the organ but a variety of other kinds of music too
- We could help be readers, greeters, ushers... but like to volunteer with friends of people same age
- Sports and having rides gets in the way of attending worship
- Don't change Christmas and Easter (keep them as multiple services)
- Make children's' sermons open to anyone of any age
- Have church brunch (could be potluck, perhaps in the courtyard room with indoor/outdoor seating, could be themed to the liturgy with tasting stations for things like manna)
- Make high school themed fidget bags for service
- Have an active service every once in a while where students aren't expected to stay seated, but can get up and move around while participating in the service
- Have other people help with announcements at the beginning of the service, maybe people involved with the project being announced

Big idea: Back Room in the Sanctuary

Purpose: To make the space more inviting, and comfortable for children

Ideas to work on:

- add more color (paint or something else)
- sound dampening (could use panels which can be printed with color, or images)
- better bean bags
- cushions on pew
- different lighting (perhaps color changing for help with sensory and behavior, or adding lamps)
- Remove the frosting on the windows so that you can see out (maybe some technology so that you can see out, but no one can see in)
- TV? (Could be used for streaming service, or other content)
- More pillows
- Change out carpet with flooring that would be easier to clean if we put playdough (or other "messier" activities) in this space

Confirmation Students Feedback (January Mentor Night)

- Worship shouldn't be required, but it's important
- Sports, music, homework, make it difficult to go
- Enjoy sermons and children's sermons (am I too old to go up to children's sermons?)
- Maybe try bulletins with space for coloring or other activities to help listen/focus available
- Like it when we can volunteer with family and friends – some like to acolyte, some don't...flexibility to choose how to volunteer is good
- Prayers can feel long, some scripture readings are long and confusing, worship can feel long
- Holden Evening prayer, Easter, and Christmas are favorite worship experiences
- Like that everyone can have communion