

Women's Ministries... *is looking to connect the younger women with the older women of our congregation.*

Through the women's events that have been planned so far, we've made an effort to create **multi-generational** connections across all age groups within our church family. NOW, we're aiming to encourage **inter-generational** relationships through our LINK program. More than simply being present together, we'd like to foster more connectedness by actually matching older women with younger women for the purpose of mutual learning and support.



What does LINK look like?

- It may be that as an older woman, you could use the help of someone younger to help plant flowers or weed, clean or organize a room in your house, make an occasional trip to the store with or for you. Perhaps there are technology issues you need help navigating – like that complicated TV remote or new cell phone.
- As a young woman, you might want to learn to crochet or knit or can food. Maybe you'd like help making strawberry jelly, applesauce, freezer meals or baked goods. Could you use help with that ever-growing ironing pile or need simple mending done?
- Even just the desire for time spent with another woman – to talk, do a puzzle or play a game, go for a walk or coffee... is reason enough to consider reaching out.

How does LINK differ from a Mentoring Relationship?

- While the intergenerational connections of LINK are meant to reach across age lines and will hopefully foster new friendships, the goal here is for occasional, short-term learning and assistance.
- Mentoring pairs the same two women in a reciprocal relationship for an extended period of time. LINK pairings can occur between different women on an as-needed, sporadic basis.

What is the process for getting involved with LINK?

- Attached is a form that allows you to indicate what skills/strengths you can offer to others and/or any areas where you'd benefit from learning/assistance from others. You can also indicate the frequency of your availability and times or days that are best for you.
- If you're interested in being on either the giving or receiving end (or both) of this program, complete the form and return it to the Women's Ministries mailbox in the Information Center. You can also pass the form along to Kelly Bollinger or Janine Graybill.
- Women's Ministries will facilitate the matching process and will keep this information on file as future requests arise.

To be sure... there is great value in teaching, helping and loving one another across the generations. Let's be a blessing to one another!

LINK PROGRAM

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Current Sunday School Class: _____

Strengths/Skills/Interests you're offering and/or requesting: Check and/or circle all that apply.

Offering	Requesting		Offering	Requesting	
✓		Cleaning or <u>organizing</u>		✓	Knitting, <u>Crocheting</u> Embroidery

Offering	Requesting		Offering	Requesting	
		Planting flowers or weeding			Knitting, Crocheting, Embroidery
		Cleaning or organizing			Ironing, Mending, Childcare
		Grocery (or other) shopping			Taking walks, Puzzles, Games
		Computer/Technology assistance			Coffee or Ice Cream "dates"
		Canning, Cooking, Baking			Other: _____

Additional notes from above: _____

Available Times (generally):

Check all that apply.

Morning	Afternoon	Evening	
			SUNDAYS
			MONDAYS
			TUESDAYS
			WEDNESDAYS
			THURSDAYS
			FRIDAYS
			SATURDAYS

Frequency of your availability:

- _____ Once a week
- _____ Every other week
- _____ Once a month
- _____ Seasonally
- _____ One time only
- _____ As needed



Additional notes from above: _____

Place your form in the Women's Ministries mailbox or give to Kelly Bollinger or Janine Graybill.

**** For a more immediate response or urgent request, email mosaic.middlecreek@gmail.com**

or leave a voicemail message on the church phone (717) 733-4222

There is no deadline to submit. Additional LINK forms can be found in the Information Center.