

Growth Ideas 101: Bump up to Breakfast

Could a coffee and conversation get a bump up to simple breakfast ministry? In last week's kitchen conversation video, the Moderator spoke about a coffee time with usual sweet treats becoming a breakfast ministry when one week a dozen boiled eggs added a protein option. This led to discussion and conscious choice to make it a light breakfast ministry. Boiled eggs and toast added to sweet treats bumps a snack to a light meal opportunity. What ministries might you "bump up?" Do you have user groups in your building? How about a coffee pot ministry as you enter, or invitation to the kitchen to help yourself? Add invitations to events as part of your table of hospitality, inviting people to know what is happening. Have a volunteer to offer hospitality at key times, such as before start times or finish times of regular events. Perhaps someone who participates in a book club, could read their book while being available to passers-by or a person from prayer shawl ministry, crafting while greeting. Presence and visibility matters. What are your creative bump up ministries ideas? Let Sharon know.

If I have connected with you, you should have received an Easter letter and lots of resources this week. Reach out if your community of faith has not received it. You'll find lots of practical resources, ideas for Toward 2035, an Eastertide devotional and ideas sure to spark some bump up ideas in your ministries.

Please contact me, Sharon Ballantyne, growth animator, at 506 306 0500 or by email at sballantyne@united-church.ca. You are also invited to a virtual 30 minute drop in conversation each Wednesday morning, beginning at 9:45 a.m. Atlantic (10:15 a.m. Newfoundland and Labrador). Contact Sharon for the Zoom link.