

Hospitality

Hospitality builds community, and for many people that's very important.

"Hospitality means primarily the creation of free space where the stranger can enter and become a friend instead of an enemy. Hospitality is not to change people, but to offer them space where change can take place. It is not to bring men and women over to our side, but to offer freedom not disturbed by dividing lines." Henri Nouwen

Hospitality can seem easy, but there's times when you try and extend friendship to someone only to be met with rejection. Don't let that prevent you from trying again.

Maya Angelou said *"people will forget what you said, forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel"*.

Keep on loving one another as brothers and sisters. Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it. Hebrews 13:1-2 (NIV)

Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. 1 Peter 4:9 (NIV)

Challenge:

Invite someone from church you don't know well for dinner, or out for coffee.

How about giving the Welcome Team at church a try. It's a great place to get to know some new people.