



Did you know that for the college class of 2014?

“Digital” has always been in their cultural DNA so they’ve never written in cursive.

- They have no need for a wrist watch since they have cell phones to tell them the time.
- They never twisted the coiled handset wire aimlessly around their wrists while chatting on the phone.
- Czechoslovakia has never existed.
- Having hundreds of cable channels but nothing to watch has always been routine.
- They have never worried about a Russian missile strike on the U.S.

(From Beloit College’s Mindset List for the college class of 2014)

We are called to ministry with these young adults!

Simple things you do to support College Students

- Send gift boxes of goodies not just at exam time but anytime!
- Send gift cards, particularly to restaurants, a welcome break from food in the cafeteria!
- Encourage people to write to students and send cards.
- Ask for volunteers to “adopt” a student and be in regular contact with them while away and invite them to lunch or dinner when back home on breaks.
- Have a College Student Note Day in worship one Sunday. Have every person write a note to a student and send them all together with a gift box.
- Send e-mails about what is happening in their home church.
- Include college students in worship leadership when home on breaks.
- Plan a reunion for college students during a break.
- Ask students to report on participation in any mission or service trips at college.
- Send contact information for your students away at college to the Presbytery office and we will forward it to churches and/or ministries in their area and ask them to contact the student with an invitation to worship.

If your church is in a college community:

- Invite the college students to worship -don’t assume they will come.
- Start a College Sunday School Class or weekday study.
- Match students with a member of the congregation -their “adopted” family away from home.
- Invite them to a covered dish dinner once a month -a special event or with the whole congregation.
- Invite them to participate in mission projects, holiday decorating, and other special events or services.
- Start a “Youth Group” for college students.
- Treat them like you would anyone else in the church -invite them for a meal, hang out together.

A Prayer for College Students:

Loving God, source of all knowledge and truth, we thank you for giving us minds and expecting us to use them. We especially remember today all those who are a part of the teaching and learning in our colleges and universities.

Bless the students (especially those in our congregation). Help them develop discerning minds. Help them gain wisdom while they are learning information. Help them to ask the difficult questions, to not be satisfied with easy answers, and to view their studies as a way to love you with all their minds. As they plan for life after their studies, help them hear their calling to love and serve you in the world.

Bless all who enable students to learn (especially those in our congregation). Give wisdom to teachers, patience to administrators, and encouragement to support and facilities staff. Be with campus ministers and chaplains and all those engaged in college ministry. Stand with parents and families as their young people become emerging adults. Help all of them to sense the importance of their vocation to the students, the larger church and to the world. Help them to work together to create a supportive and encouraging environment for learning.

Help us to find ways to nurture our college students and to include them in the life and leadership of our congregation. Give us insight into ways to support the students though this important and formative time in their lives, so that together we may glorify your name, for the sake of Jesus our Lord. Amen.