

WHO DO YOU MISS?

A few years ago, I missed attending church for a few months, for no other reason than the busyness of life, as I recall. Elaine Wells called me just to say that she had noticed I had not been in church for recently and she missed seeing me there. That call made a big impression on me and I started showing up again.

So, how about noticing who you miss? How about looking around in your pew and noticing who is not there? How about calling or e-mailing that person just to say you noticed their absence? And are they OK? And are they aware of what is coming up on the church calendar that you think they might enjoy? Even if you get an answering machine, or no reply to your e-mail, those contacts matter. We are all here to be more connected to other people.

Each of us has chosen this particular church as our community and it matters to have our presence count and our absence noticed.

So, think of the loveliness of being noticed when you are present and the significance of your voice saying to someone, even if you don't know them well, "I have missed seeing you." I truly think if this congregation did little else, but connect with people we miss, we would strengthen our church immeasurably. From within.

Let our Membership Team know of your ideas about what we can do and should do to notice more about our members, so no one slips away unnoticed. Meanwhile, if you can just make a call, write an e-mail, leave a text, or other contacts, you will get membership gold stars and the satisfaction of being an even finer human being than you already are.

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