



## Who Are We?

This is a question I ask every Sunday and every Sunday you answer one of two things, depending on whether I am standing in Brandonville or in Ringtown.

Who are we? We are St John's Church Brandonville where God accepts you as you are and so do we.

Who are we? We are St John's Church, Ringtown and we are a hub of the Community where everyone is welcome in God's love.

What is in common? We want to accept people to welcome them. Our welcome can only come after they come. So, what is missing? Invite. Talk up your church. Tell them who we are, who we want to be. Let them know that their children are safe and welcomed.

Is there anything happening at church that is preventing you from coming? Is there anything that makes you not want to bring children or others to church? What do you need us to do for you to feel welcomed or safe? What do you need us to do before you are confident in inviting your friends to our church?

This Fall we will have a meeting at each church to discuss radical hospitality. We will talk about ways to live up to our statements. We will discuss more than policies and programs. We need to discuss the overall feel of the church.

I know you are loving and welcoming people. If we set ourselves up as a church that will meet the needs of all people and as we confidently invite family and friends, I know God will bring more people to be in our midst.

My prayer for each church is that God increase our attendance and active membership. I like to pray specifically and I believe that God can do many varied and big things if we just believe. I pray for attendance to increase by 30 percent by Dec. That gives only a couple of months. God is big enough! I believe that! Do you?

Pray with me. God is doing a new thing. God is doing a big thing and we are here to see it and to live into it.

God Bless you and yours this day and Always  
Pastor Michelle

### **PASTOR MICHELLE'S CONTACT INFORMATION**

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