

Summerville Methodist

a visitor friendly church

Hebrews 13:2 *Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by this some have entertained angels without knowing it.*

Matthew 25:40 *Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.*

- When a guest makes the effort to visit SMC, it takes effort on their part and, for some, moving out of their comfort zone. We suggest welcoming them here in God's house as you welcome visitors into your personal home. Greeting a guest before the service is critical, as it is a first impression a church makes on a visitor.
- If you have invited someone to church, offer to pick them up or tell them that you will meet them at the entrance. Offer coffee and refreshments and introduce your visitors to others. Sit with them.
- Keep an eye out for those you do not recognize and reach out to them by introducing yourself and shaking their hand to greet them warmly. Be sure to repeat their name to help you remember.
 - Once you have a visitor's name, introduce them to others.
 - Invite them to sit with you.
 - Offer refreshments.
 - Help guide the visitors throughout the service.
 - Show, do not tell when talking with a visitor. If a visitor asks about a specific room or directions to the restroom, avoid pointing, gesturing, or offering vague directions.
 - Whenever possible, take them to their destination.
- If you have contact information for the visitor, be sure to provide it to those at the Welcome Center so that, as a church, we can say hello and thank them for attending.