

Retreat Community Breakfast - Bringing Back a Sense of Community

Sometimes, it becomes difficult to slow down and enjoy some quality time with your neighbors and friends. As a result, people tend to lose a sense of community and possibly not even know their neighbors. However, the people of the Retreat United Methodist Church are working to bring a sense of community back to the neighborhood of Retreat and the surrounding area.

A few years ago, the people of the Retreat UMC noticed this issue in their surrounding community and set out to try to bring people together in a welcoming atmosphere. The church began to host free community breakfasts several times a year and invited people in the surrounding area to come and enjoy a meal where they could also join in fellowship with their neighbors. The response to the breakfasts has been wonderful. Many people in the surround community, young and old, are now coming together for a delicious pancake breakfast several times a year to reconnect with one another. It has definitely fostered a sense of community for the neighborhood.

In addition to adding a sense of community to the area, the breakfasts have also had another amazing side effect. While the breakfast is always free, some people who attend wish to donate money to support the project. Since collecting funds for the church was not the purpose of the breakfasts, the church decided to send any money donated at the breakfasts to the food pantry at the New Hope United Methodist Church to help others in the area put food on their tables. As a result, the church has brought the community together to help others in need located in the region.

These breakfasts are held on Saturdays, but it's not the same Saturday each month, so check out our calendar at <http://driftlessministry.org/news-events/calendars/> if you're interested in attending one of these delicious community breakfasts. Everyone within the surrounding community is invited to partake in the wonderful breakfast and fellowship and help them in continuing to grow this wonderful ministry.

