



# POCKET SALT + PORCH LIGHTS

Resources &  
Community  
Engagement

## DISCIPLESHIP CONVERSATIONS

*The Art of Neighboring*

by Dave Runyon & Jay Pathak

*Start with Hello* by Shannan Martin

*A New Way to Love Your Neighbor:*

*Be Curious, Free, and Brave*

by Jada Edwards

*The Turquoise Table* by Kristin Schell

## BOOKS FOR CHILDREN

*We Share This Neighborhood* by Dan Saks

*In the Neighborhood* by Rocio Bonilla

*The Berenstain Bears Love Their Neighbors*

by Jan Berenstain & Mike Berenstain

*Neighbors Near and Far* by Anita F. Thomas

*Every Neighbor: Greeting Everyone with*

*God's Love* by Sarah Nunnally

## ASSET-BASED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

*The Connected Community:*

*Discovering the Health, Wealth,*

*and Power of Neighborhoods*

by Cormac Russell & John McKnight

<https://thrivingcitiesgroup.com/community-craft>

## NEIGHBORING IDEAS

Neighbors Week Boxed Activities

Faces of KC Community Event

Block Parties

S'Mores Community Event

If You Give a Neighbor a Cookie

Love Thy \_\_\_\_ Neighbor Wall Art

Love Your Neighbor T-Shirts

Message Series

Spotify Playlist

Duck Duck Church

## HELPFUL WEBSITES

[www.playlearnshare.org](http://www.playlearnshare.org)

[www.nationalgoodneighborday.org](http://www.nationalgoodneighborday.org)

[www.artofneighboring.com](http://www.artofneighboring.com)

[www.shannanmartin.com/resources](http://www.shannanmartin.com/resources)

[www.parrishcollective.org](http://www.parrishcollective.org)

[www.neighboringmovement.org](http://www.neighboringmovement.org)

## SPOTIFY PLAYLIST



songs to inspire  
neighboring



# IF YOU GIVE A NEIGHBOR A COOKIE...

A message series in September culminated in delivering cookies to the neighborhood around the church. Finding colorful plastic plates on sale led to an idea to paint them with messages to our neighbors, then on National Neighbor Day we plated cookies on dozens of plates and delivered them to the neighborhoods around the church wishing them "Happy Neighbor Day!" A wonderful activity involving all generations from start to finish.



## FACES OF KC

Faces of KC was a message series and community event focused on sharing a compelling story of our community through photography and the use of music. Inspired by a video featuring "Brother" by The Brilliance, we created our own version and invited our neighbors to a gallery showing which displayed the portraits we captured.



Original video

Our version



## NEIGHBORS WEEK BOXES

Growing from an idea in 2020, Neighbors Week Boxes included activities to help all generations connect with their neighbors:

- Painting rocks to set out around the neighborhood
- Chalk to write positive messages and games on the neighborhood sidewalks
- Prayer cubes to help guide a prayer walk
- T-shirts to speak your love of neighbors
- Neighborhood map to challenge you to know who lives where
- BINGO to get you out into the neighborhood
- Photo scavenger hunt
- Ideas sheet to help people gather around tables and food in the neighborhood
- More examples: [playlearnshare.org](http://playlearnshare.org)