

Faith Formation Opportunities Fall 2017



CENTRAL

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

A place to connect.

Faith Growth Pathway



This booklet contains the Faith Formation opportunities for Fall 2017. New studies/classes/groups may be started at any time. For more information about Faith Formation and Central Connect Groups, contact Sue Shipley or Rev. Kathy.

Icon Glossary:



Planting: Classes/Groups/Studies with the orange seed icon are designed for people who want to learn more. You may be new to the Christian faith or want to learn more about a particular topic. All are welcome. These classes often meet for one hour.



Nurturing: Classes/Groups/Studies with the blue water icon are designed for people who want to go deeper in a particular topic or with a group of people. The nurturing icon indicates that the class may include light preparation.



Shaping: Classes/Groups/Studies with the green/purple flower icon are designed for people who are ready to make a deeper commitment to their faith. These classes often have preparation and meet more frequently or longer than an hour.



Sharing: Classes/Groups/Studies with the fruit icon are designed for mature Christians. These classes usually have preparation and meet weekly for one to two hours. Often times these groups share leadership roles.

Connecting with God

Personal Spiritual Practices/In Community

Group Spiritual Direction



Learn about different ways to practice your faith and find accountability and support with others on their faith journey. Meets the first Monday of the month at 7pm, beginning in October.

Leader: Pastor Jack

Disciple Fast-Track



Comprehensive Bible Study designed for busy people. Meets Wednesdays at 7pm and Thursdays at 10am. Starts 10/4 and 10/5.

Leader: Pastor Jack

Central Friends and Faith



A place to learn about the church and meet other people on their faith journey. A great place to invite guests and those wondering about what the church is all about. Meets on Thursdays at 6:30pm (starts on September 21st).

Leader: Debra Hayden-Schmid

Purple Threads



A women's group focused on prayer and study. Meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7pm.

Leaders: Diana Carter and Sue Shipley

Mom's Connect



A group for Mom's (with kids/youth at home). Meets the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month at 9:15am.

Leader: Rev. Kathy

Keller-Fitz



A group for adults dedicated to continued faith development and spiritual growth. The impact of the reading often leads to outreach and community support. Meets every Wednesday from 10am - 12pm.

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Personal Spiritual Practices/In Community

FaithLink



Adult group that focuses on application of faith to current events, connecting the Bible, United Methodism, and life today. Meets Sunday mornings from 9:15am - 10:15am.

Leaders: Janice Mann & Rev. Rich Peacock

Harvesters



A group designed for retired adults to provide fellowship and spiritual experiences. Meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month.

Leaders: Jim & Alice Alt

Chair Yoga and Easy Exercise



Chair Yoga and Easy Exercise for older adults is offered on Monday and Thursday mornings from 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. in the Narthex. Bring your water and a mat or blanket if you'd like.

Leader: Mary Skelley

Prayers with Students



A prayer ministry designed to connect children and youth with adults to pray for one another and build friendships.

Contact: Rev. Kathy

Defying Gravity



Adult study about generosity and breaking free from the culture of "more". Meets on Sundays 10/1, 8, 15, 22 at 7:30pm and Tuesdays 10/3, 10, 17, 24 at 7:00pm. Study will complement the Sunday morning sermons.

Leader: Pastor Jack

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Personal Spiritual Practices/In Community

Adult Chancel Choir



It's not just about singing! The choir also provides fellowship and faith growth through music. Rehearsals are on Thursdays from 7:30-9:00pm. Sings at the 10:30am Sanctuary Worship on Sunday mornings.

Leader: TBA

Agape (Adult) Handbell Choir



Meets on Thursdays from 6:25-7:25pm

Leader: TBA

Women's Circles



Olive Mae Glenn Circle (meets 1st Wed., 11:30am - 1pm)

Hutchinson Circle (meets 1st Tuesday, 1pm - 3pm)

Eschtruth Circle (meets 2nd Tuesday, 7-8:30pm)

Family Group



A group for families to pray together and play together. We will spend time together and then the kids and adults will gather in different rooms for fellowship.

Meets the 2nd Friday of the month beginning in October from 7pm - 9pm.

Leaders: Rich & Kathy Pittenger

Opportunities to Mentor:



3rd Grade Bible Friend (September)

Present a Bible to a 3rd grade student and pray for him/her throughout his/her 3rd grade year.

Confirmation (September - May)



Journey with 8th grade students through their Confirmation experience.

Contact: Rev. Kathy

Connecting with God & Others

Thursday Evening Groups

Meet from 6:30-7:30pm

Walking & Devotions



Meet together for a brief devotion and prayer and then walk outside or inside (weather dependent) for 30-40 minutes.

Leader: TBA

Central Friends & Faith



See more information on page 4.

5 Marks of a Methodist



Video study and discussion about the book *Five Marks of a Methodist*. The book answers the question, "How should Methodists live?" and provides the people called Methodists with a clear and memorable unifying force.

Meets from September 14th - October 19th

Leader: Rev. Kathy

A Grace-Full Life



Grace. It's a game changer. And when never-ending love comes from God, it sometimes feels like more than you can take. Why does God want to have a personal relationship with me? How can I fully experience and respond to God's grace? What does "grace" really mean?

Meets from October 26th - November 16th

Leader: Rev. Kathy

Faithful



An Advent study viewing the story of Christmas through the eyes of Joseph.

Meets from November 30 - December 21

This study will also be offered at additional times TBA during Advent.

Leader: Rev. Kathy



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Mission Statement:

Connecting with God

Connecting with Others

Changing Our World with Christ's Love

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Sunday Worship Schedule

8:30am - Chapel Worship (traditional)

10:00am - The Conversation (Live Band, casual)

10:30am - Sanctuary Worship (traditional)

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