



Faith Formation Opportunities Winter/Spring 2018



CENTRAL

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Faith Growth Pathway



This booklet contains the Faith Formation opportunities for Winter/Spring of 2018. 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

Disciple Fast-Track



Comprehensive Bible Study designed for busy people. Meets Wednesdays at 7pm starting January 31st for a twelve-week study of the New Testament.

Leader: Pastor Jack

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 starting February 22nd.

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.

Faith Growth Pathway Check-In (Lent)



- Sunday, February 25th, 9:30am
- Sunday, March 18th, 9:30am

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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 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

Gifts of the Dark Wood



Uncertain? Empty? Lost? Author Dr. Eric Elnes believes that uncertainty about your spiritual life can be one of your greatest assets because it is while we are unsure that we probe, question, and discover. This study is for both the insider who has left the traditional church and the outsider who is curious about faith but mistrustful of religious systems and authority.

Meets Thursdays with Rev. Kathy at 10:30am or 6:30pm beginning February 15th, or Sundays with Pastor Jack at 7:15pm beginning February 18th.

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Tuesday Women's Study



The Rewritten Life, based on author Jessica LaGrone's popular Namesake Bible study, is a powerful and practical biblical study designed for today's busy groups. Meets Tuesdays, February 27th – March 27th at 7pm.

Adult Chancel Choir



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

Leader: Kevin Naeve

Agape (Adult) Handbell Choir



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

Leader: Kevin Naeve

Opportunities to Mentor:



3rd Grade Bible Friend

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

Women's Circles (Meet Monthly)



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

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

Connecting with God & Others

Thursday Evening Groups

Meet from 6:30-7:30pm

Earn. Save. Give



John Wesley boils fiscal responsibilities down to just three rules: Earn all you can. Save all you can. Give all you can. Sounds simple, right? Yes, but not easy, especially in today's culture of consumerism. This twenty-first century translation of Wesley's money management philosophy will give everyone in a new way to think about money. Meets Thursdays, January 11th – February 1st
Leader: Margaret Hazlett

Gifts of the Dark Wood



See description on page 5.
Meets Thursdays, February 15th - March 22nd
Leader: Rev. Kathy

The Call



From the road to Damascus to the sun-drenched lands of modern-day Greece and Turkey to a Roman prison, go with Adam Hamilton as he follows the journeys of Paul in this six-week DVD study about Christianity's greatest teacher and missionary. You'll see exactly where some of the most dramatic events in the spread of Christianity took place, and through Hamilton's insightful and colorful teaching style, you'll quite likely gain a better understanding of Paul's missionary travels than if you had covered the many miles in person. Meets Thursdays, April 12 – May 17
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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