

Scriptures

Led by class members

Adults with a current age range of 40's and up

Currently studying Cokesbury's *Adult Bible Study Series* supplemented by seasonal studies.

Location: Worship Center; Parlor

Time: Sunday 9:45-10:45 am

New Horizons

Led by class members

Adults with an age range of 40's and up

Currently studying contemporary issues agreed upon by class members

Location: Connection Center; Pathways Room

Time: Sunday 9:45-10:45 am

Upper Room

Led by Arleta Dupree and Daisy Olson

Adults with a current age range of 60's and up

Currently studying Favorite Passages and Troubling Passages in the Bible

Location: Connection Center; Disciples Room

Time: Sunday 9:45-10:45 am

Sunday Evening

Prayer And Praise

Led by Arleta Dupree

Members meet once a week to pray for those who ask for prayer either by verbal request or from the prayer request written on the gold cards each Sunday during worship.

Time: Sundays 5:00 pm

Location: Worship Center; Parlor

"On Sunday afternoon from 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm, the Prayer and Praise Team gather at the church to pray. Our goal is to pray for the life of the church, its members and their extended families. The gold prayer cards are used to bring your concerns to this group where confidentiality is honored. Being a part of this group of dedicated people has been a blessing to me."

Prayer and Praise member

Financial Peace University

Led by Clay Whiting and Ken Payne

Best selling author Dave Ramsey says, "Stop worrying about money...begin your journey to financial peace." Learn how to pay off debt and save money.

Time: Sundays 5:00-7:00 pm

Location: Connection Center; Wesley Hall

Preview Date: January 23 at 5:00 pm

Study Length: January 30-May 8

LIFE Groups

Winter 2011

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Sunday Groups

Thank you for your interest in LIFE groups! LIFE stands for Living in Faith Everyday, and it represents the second step in the process of Christian growth at First United Methodist Church (FUMC).

Love God. The first step is to *Love God* which simply means that we all start with a personal relationship with God. We do this through private prayer and public worship. Private prayer is something that we encourage every member at FUMC to do on a daily basis, although most of us find we need it even throughout every day. Public worship at FUMC is simple: every service has a time to praise God through songs and prayers of thanksgiving, to hear the Bible read and explained, and to respond to that Word by recommitting our lives to live as followers of Jesus.

Love Others. The second step is to *Love Others*, and we do this primarily through LIFE groups. Every time a LIFE group visits, we focus on three things: laughing, learning, and loving. Laughing reminds us to have fun together-- sharing in a good meal, fun activity, light conversations, and other things that help us remember that life can be good. Learning reminds us that we need to talk about the scriptures and challenge each other to figure out how the Bible pertains to today's situations. Loving reminds us to take care of each other. We all need Christian friends to pray with us or for us, to walk by our side, and to help us through the tough times of life. LIFE groups are made for that purpose!

Serve the World. The third step and goal of every Christian at FUMC is to *Serve the World*. Once you have a good relationship with God and have connected with others through a LIFE group, you're ready to learn how God wants you to be fulfilled. God has created us all very differently. As you grow in your relationship with God and others, you will learn that you have a certain combination of gifts, styles, and passions. When you commit to do things that don't allow you to use those, you will feel frustrated and burned-out. When you do things that allow you to use those, you will get more and more energy and fulfillment in your life. Our goal at FUMC is to help each other find the place(s) to serve that gives meaning to our lives in work, play, and ministry - inside or outside of the church!

Joining a LIFE group is a step in your journey as a Christ-follower. It is a step that leads to more meaning, more purpose, and more fulfillment in your life. I pray that you will find a group that helps you move toward new life. It may happen quickly, or it may happen slowly over time. It is your walk, your journey, but you are not in it alone when you have a LIFE Group!

In Christ's love,
Mark McDonald

Christians Under Construction

Led by Betty Seales

Adults with a current age range of 20's to 40's

Currently studying *Confronting the Controversies* by Adam Hamilton. This study is DVD-based and includes the Rev. Hamilton's sermons on controversial topics such as euthanasia, homosexuality, abortion and the death penalty.

Location: Connection Center; UMCOR room

Time: Sunday 9:45-10:45 am

Prime-Time Christians

Led by Linda Remele

Adults with a current age range of 20's and up

Currently studying Cokesbury's *Adult Bible Study Series*

Location: Connection Center; Good Shepherd Room

Time: Sunday 9:45-10:45 am

Pairs & Spares

Led by Henry and Betty Heidelberger

Adults with a current age range of 40 - 50's and up

Currently studying the *Adult Bible Study Series* by Cokesbury where lessons explore biblical meaning and how to apply that meaning to life. The study moves from a focus on the Word to our own personal, family, church and community concerns.

Location: Connection Center; Genesis Room

Time: Sunday 9:45-10:45 am

Seekers

Led by Bart and Carolyn Gray

Adults with a current age range of 40's and up

Currently studying contemporary issues agreed upon by class members.

Location: Connection Center; Emmaus Room

Time: Sunday 9:45-10:45 am

Friendship

Led by Laye Bennett

Adults with a current age range of 60's and up

Currently studying Cokesbury's *Adult Bible Study Series*

Location: Worship Center; Chapel

Time: Sunday 9:45-10:45 am

Christian Soldiers

Led by Elaine Wolff

This class is for adults with mental challenges. Each week they study how Jesus would want them to live.

Location: Educational Center; Holyland Classroom

Time: Sunday mornings 9:30-10:00 am

It's at the end of a week, and we look forward to meeting and catching up with each other. We start with our devotion, then we have our lesson, where each one participates and we get each others' viewpoints. And through our lesson we are inspired and leave with our hearts fulfilled.

Vera Gray