



Christian Education and Faith Formation for Adults

Christian Education Showcase and Breakfast

Sunday, September 22, 9:15 a.m. in the dining room.

Church members and friends are invited for breakfast and a conversation about Christian Education for adults. 2020 is a big year for The United Methodist Church. Come learn about the classes and small groups that First Church will offer as we close out 2019 and move into 2020. Discover opportunities to grow in your faith and live your faith in the world! *Sunday morning Christian Education for adults will begin September 29.*

Please register online for the Sept. 22 event at www.faithatfirst.com/registrations/. Questions? Contact Mitchell Jackson, Director of Christian Education & Young Adult Ministry, at mitchell@faithatfirst.com.

Sundays at 9:15 a.m.

Disciple Bible Study: Psalms

Sundays, September 15-October 20, 9:15 a.m. in the conference room.

Led by Janet Lutz. We'll start with an overview and then focus on the second half of Psalms. Participant books are available in the church office for \$15. Please register at www.faithatfirst.com/registrations/. Questions? Contact Janet at JanetAtL@aol.com.

Disciple Bible Study: Invitation to the Old Testament

Sundays, Sept. 29-Nov. 24, 9:15 a.m. in the dining room.

'Invitation to the Old Testament' is open to anyone interested in becoming better acquainted with the Bible. This 9-week Disciple Bible study will provide a thorough introduction to the Old Testament in a welcoming, conversational setting. No prior knowledge is needed to join! Participant books are available in the church office for \$15. Please register at: www.faithatfirst.com/registrations/.

Church & Culture – Formerly Bring Your Own Bible & Newspaper (BYOB&N)

Sundays, Sept. 29-Nov. 24, 9:15 a.m. in Room K.

This small group takes a critical look at the news and events that shape our worldview. And like the title suggests, it will examine the roles that Church plays in our ever-changing culture.

Methodism

Sundays, Sept. 29-Nov. 24, 9:15 a.m. in the Great Hall Balcony.

For anyone who wants to know more about Methodism, this group will examine the Methodist church past, present and future. As we embark on an important year in the life of the UMC, knowing who we are will be essential.

Prayer & Meditation

Sundays, Sept. 29-Nov. 24, 9:15 a.m. in Tittle Chapel.

Come and practice spiritual disciplines with others who want to grow deeper in their faith and in their connection to the community at First Church. This group is open to anyone who wishes to practice prayer and meditation techniques.

ABIDE

Sundays, Sept. 29-Nov. 24, 9:15 a.m. in Room 37.

This community group is committed to living out the Christian faith in daily life. Each week features prayer, scripture, thoughtful reflection and discussion on our shared experiences. ABIDE is open to anyone looking for a deeper connection to Christ and First Church.

Faith & Family

Sundays, Sept. 29-Nov. 24, 9:15 a.m. in Room 24.

Open to all young parents looking for community amid the hustle and bustle of life. Faith & Family will connect you with other young families balancing work, home and social lives. Weekly prayer, lectionary reading, and social activity will make your connections even deeper.

Weekdays

Remember Who You Are: The Letters of Paul

Wednesdays, September 18-December 11, 10:00-11:30 a.m. in Glenna Hall.

New participants are welcome to participate in this Wednesday morning Disciple Bible Study led by Janet Lutz and Ellen Feliciano. Books are available in the church office for \$15. Please register at www.faithatfirst.com/registrations/. Questions? Contact Janet at JanetAtL@aol.com.

Progressive Christians Reading Group

Thursdays, beginning September 12, noon to 1:15 p.m. in Glenna Hall.

This group of church members and friends is always open to new participants. We'll start this fall with part 1 of David Brooks' NYT bestseller *The Second Mountain: The Quest for a Moral Life*. Striving to live for something larger than oneself, Brooks explores the four commitments that compose a meaningful and purposeful life: covenantal relationship and family, a vocation, a philosophy/faith and community. Join us! Questions? Contact Dennis Moore at djmoore1941@gmail.com.

God's Story, Our Stories: Lectionary Bible Study

Thursdays, beginning September 12, 7:00-8:30 p.m. in Glenna Hall.

New participants are welcome to this weekly study of scripture for the upcoming Sunday. No experience necessary. Led by Bill Brown, Bob Keller, and Bonny Roth. Questions? Contact Bonny at bonny@faithatfirst.com.

Additional Small Groups for Faith Formation

Grace Circle meets every other Monday, 7:00-8:30 p.m. at the church.

Read Pray Love 2 meets monthly on Thursday, noon to 1:30 p.m., also at the church.

Both Grace Circle and Read Play Love 2 gather regularly for discussion of a faith-related book, sharing of prayer concerns, and mutual support. And both groups welcome new participants. Interested persons may contact Bonny Roth, Pastor of Pastoral Care and Faith Formation at bonny@faithatfirst.com or (847) 830-4636.

Intercessory Prayer

This group will meet to organize in September. No experience necessary. Sponsored by Congregational Care Committee.