



## Faith Formation: Fall 2020



The pandemic has underscored the importance of connecting with one another virtually, especially when we cannot connect in person. In fact, some members find that Zoom enhances connections as we see and hear one another more clearly. Given the good response to the Summer Covenant Groups, we want to expand our offerings and participation.

This fall the Faith Formation groups will continue to meet via Zoom. To ensure that you—new and returning participants—receive the Zoom link, please register [here](#).

### **Small Group Info Sessions**

Our newly-formed Faith Formation Council invites you to explore options for small groups. As we expand this ministry, we invite your suggestions and questions at Zoom Information Sessions offered on Wednesday, September 9 and Thursday, September 10 at 7:00 to 7:45 p.m.

You may drop into one of the sessions for 5 minutes or the full 45 minutes. Your comments will help the Council plan for new fall groups that begin in October. To participate in an Information Session, send an email to Pastor Bonny at [bonny@faithatfirst.com](mailto:bonny@faithatfirst.com). She will reply with a Zoom link. Or you may tell her about your interest in an email.

### *Abide*

Abide provides ongoing space for spiritual connection to God, mutual support in community, and faith formation in the ways that lead to life. Although many members are parents of children and youth, this gathering is open to all who seek to abide with Jesus through the Spirit in the company of friends. Meetings are held Sunday mornings, beginning September 13, from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. Facilitators: Tim and Becky Eberhart.

### *God's Story Our Stories*

This weekly Bible study invites participants to discuss the scripture texts for the coming Sunday and to ponder what those stories may teach us today. Thursdays starting September 17 from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. Facilitators: Bill Brown and Lee Rader.

### *Grace Circle*

This group invites participants to discuss short readings with a focus on uplifting the spirit, to deepen their relationships with God and neighbor, and to support one another in prayer. A six-week series begins Monday, September 21 and continues through October 26 on Mondays from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Facilitator: Jon-Erick Schaudies.

### *Wednesday Morning Bible Study*

This weekly group studies books of the Bible throughout the year. Currently they are studying the Book of Acts. No experience necessary. Meetings are held Wednesdays from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. Facilitator: Janet Lutz.