

First United Methodist Church Adult Ministries 2011-2012

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FUMC Leadership University

October 10, 17, 24 ♦ 7:00 - 9:00 pm

This event is for you if:

- You serve as a teacher, counselor, group leader, committee member
- You have gifts to offer in a leadership role, but are not currently doing so
- You just want to know more about our United Methodist roots and what that means for our church today

New
This Fall

1. **Oct. 10 United Methodist History & Doctrine** How do our roots shape our future?
Led by Rev. Dr. J.D. Landis
2. **Oct. 17 Bible Study the Wesleyan Way**
Led by Rev. Pamela Buchholz
3. **Oct. 24 Age-Level Concerns** (workshops for leaders of children, youth and adults)

Watch for Upcoming Details On:

- **Co-op Playgroup**
(contact Becky Jenkins for more information)
- **Advent Study by Adam Hamilton**

Sign up for classes & events in one of 4 ways:

1. Online at www.fumcmidweb.org. **Online Payment Option** is available. Just follow the link from registration to online payment.
2. Call Marcia or Tonya at the church: 835-6797
3. Email Marcia at mpayne@fumcmid.org

Simply Social

- A welcoming space for adults of all ages
- An opportunity to get to know new people
- A fun place to reconnect with old friends

UPCOMING EVENTS

"A Feast Fit for a King"

Friday, October 14 ♦ 6:30 - 9:45 pm

Catered dinner followed by the movie:

"The King's Speech"

Catering by Pamela Wilson Cost: \$13

RSVP online or to the church office by Oct. 10.

Come enjoy a wonderful meal with new and old friends. Following dinner we'll move to more comfortable seating to view the Oscar award winning movie, "The King's Speech" on the large screen in Fellowship Hall. It is the story of George VI of England who overcomes a debilitating stammer in order to rally the British in the face of World War II. This is a powerful story, with EXCELLENT acting. You will be immediately drawn into the lives of the royal family and the tutor who gave George VI his voice.

Note: Childcare will be provided by church youth & their leaders for a donation. Advance reservations are needed.

Fellowship Lunch and Men of Music Christmas Concert

Sunday, December 4 ♦ 12:30 pm

RSVP to the church office by November 28

Cost \$7.50

Enjoy fellowship at a soup and salad lunch. After lunch we'll enjoy a great Midland tradition, the Men of Music annual Christmas concert with over 60 male voices. The chorus is directed by Grace Marra and accompanied by Jantz Black.

Small Groups...

...a place to feel at home as you grow in faith and discipleship

1. What is a small group?

A group of 4-16 people who meet weekly or bi-weekly for prayer, Bible study, fellowship and discipleship.

2. How is a small group different from other classes that are offered?

People are primarily drawn to classes because the subject interests them. People in small groups are held together by their commitment to one another and to discipleship. Groups choose their own topics of study.

3. When do small groups meet?

Some groups meet on Sunday morning others Sunday evening, weekdays or evenings.

Did you know that over 100 people are currently participating in small groups at First United Methodist? We can help you get connected or start a new group.

Contact Rev. Pam Buchholz at the church office.



CURRENT SMALL GROUPS AT FIRST UNITED METHODIST

Sunday Morning Group

Description: Mixed group of a variety of ages.

Facilitators: Della Keyworth & Roger Mead

Time: Sundays, 9:15 - 10:15 am, Room 6

B & B (Bible & Book Study for Renewal & Growth)

Description: Women in their 40's—60's

Facilitators: Michelle Bahr & Janet Schachtner

Time: Sunday evenings, 6:30 - 7:30 pm, Room 6

Monday Evening

Description: Parents of teens and young adults.

Facilitators: Jim & Suzanne Bailey

Time: 7:00 pm

Mixed Nuts

Description: Diverse group in age and outlook.

Facilitator: Don Patrick

Time: Tuesdays, 7:00 pm

Retirees Group

Description: Married, single and widowed retirees

Facilitators: Dotty Jackson & Dorothy Follette

Time: Wednesday afternoons, 2:00 pm

Young Women's Small Group

Description: Women in their 20's & 30's

Facilitator: Katy Stokes

Time: Wednesday evening

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Women on the Journey (Childcare provided)

Description: Women of a variety of ages

Facilitator: Francine Kaminski-Pynnonen

Time: Thursday Mornings, 9:00 - 10:30 am, Hearth Room

Pathfinders (Meets during LOGOS for children & youth)

Description: Men and women, 40's - 60's.

Facilitator: Pam Buchholz

Time: Thursday evenings, 7:00 - 8:30 pm, Hearth Room

Men's Noon Group

Description: Men of a variety of ages, mostly retired

Facilitator: Jim Gray

Time: Fridays, 11:45 am - 12:45 pm, Hearth Room

All Things Considered

Description: For persons seeking new ways of understanding and experiencing their faith

Facilitators: Sherry Kalina and Aleta Smith

Time: 1st & 3rd Mondays, 4:00 - 5:30 pm, Hearth Room

NEW: Men's Evening Small Group

Description: Come for our fall 4-week study on God's will & see if a small group is for you.

Facilitator: Bill Pritchett

Time: Mondays, 7:30 pm, starts Sept. 26, Parlor

In my small group we spend the first part of the session catching up on news and having dessert. We've done good studies, but the value always seems to be in the discussion. Many interesting conversations have started with "I always wondered why..." or "I don't understand...". Conversation often blends into current events, cultural implications, or personal experiences. Sometimes this leads to lively debate, but it almost always leads to some interesting insight. - Clark Dressen

Fall Class Offerings 2011

Enjoy the fellowship of a group as you grow in faith.
Invite a friend to join you and get connected this fall.

Pre-registration helps in planning, but drop-ins are welcome! Childcare available upon request.

New study from Adam Hamilton

"Why: Making Sense of God's Will"

Have you ever asked why something had to happen? Adam Hamilton writes:

"In the face of disaster, when non-Christians hear Christians say things like 'everything happens for a reason' and 'it must have been the will of God,' they are left with an impression of God that is hardly loving and just...."

There are 3 class options: Sunday morning at 9:15, Sunday afternoon at 3:00 or a men's group on Monday evenings at 7:30 led by Bill Pritchett. "Why?" will also be offered in the Wednesday Morning Bible Study beginning October 19.

When: Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23

Sunday mornings, 9:15 - 10:15 am

Sunday afternoons, 4:00 - 5:00 pm

Men's Monday Group: Sept. 26 - Oct. 17, 7:30 - 9:00

Where: Hearth Room

Leader: Rev. Pamela Buchholz



Take the Next Step On Your Faith Journey: Spiritual Direction

Are you seeking greater awareness of God in all aspects of life? That can be difficult on your own. But what if you had a covenant group with whom you could practice spiritual disciplines and open yourself to more fully experience God's presence and grace?



Rev. Dr. Lisa McIlvenna, licensed pastoral counselor, will lead the group on this journey. Participants will meet once-a-month over a period of 9 months. The focus will be on learning to discern, articulate and respond to God's presence and guidance. Participants commit to faithful attendance, sharing their spiritual journey with others, and careful and prayerful listening. A 2-week orientation will be held October 2 and 9, followed by monthly gatherings.

When: Sundays, 6:15 - 7:45 pm

Where: Fresh Aire Office (upstairs by choir room)

Leader: Rev. Dr. Lisa McIlvenna

Evolution of Faith

Many Christians question the concepts of original sin, hell, and God's plan. Philip Gulley, Quaker pastor and writer, takes a close look at the historical and biblical basis of popular Christian teaching and invites us to explore a new paradigm of faith as continually evolving.

When: Sundays, 10:30 am - 12:00 pm

8-weeks: Oct. 2 - Nov. 20

Where: Hearth Room

Leader: Rev. Doug Trebilcock



Young Adult Study of I Samuel:

Faith, Life & Leadership

As young adults, you have a lot going on in your lives: building relationships with friends, mates, and co-workers; finishing college or going back to school; starting a career. This study of the lives of Samuel and David can help you deal with life's challenges and find a vision of hope.

When: Sundays, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

6 weeks: Oct. 2 - Nov. 6

Where: Senior High Lounge

Leader: Rev. Cathy Christman



Exploring Church Membership

We are called to serve God and encourage one another as the body of Christ. Through our United Methodist connection, locally and world-wide, we can work together to care for the physical and spiritual needs of people. If you would like to learn more about who we are as United Methodists and how you can be involved in this church, please come and be a part of these sessions. Please contact Dr. Keyworth if you are interested in participating.



NOTE: A further opportunity to learn about United Methodist history and doctrine will be provided by Dr. Landis on Oct. 10. See the article "Leadership University" on page 1 for details.

When: Sundays, 6:15 - 8:15 pm

3 weeks: Sept. 18, 25, Oct. 2

Where: Library

Leader: Rev. Dr. Charles Keyworth and staff

Fall Classes 2011

Monday Morning Bible Study *Ezra and Nehemiah*

The Monday morning class meets regularly through the school year. This fall you'll study the books of Ezra and Nehemiah. You'll hear about Haggai, Zechariah and Zerubbabel who played an important role in the restoration of Israel following the exile in Babylon. Come as often as you are able.

When: Mondays, 9:30 - 11:00 am
Begins September 12

Where: Little Theater

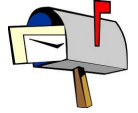
Leader: Rev. Dr. Charles Keyworth



Wednesday Morning Study

Prayer: Does It Make Any Difference?

Philip Yancey, editor-at-large for *Christianity Today*, is the author of this thought-provoking and inspiring DVD based study. When Yancey was a young boy, his belief in prayer was challenged when his father died.



Yancey says, "I went through a period of reacting against everything I was taught and even discarding my faith. I began my journey back by encountering an expansive world of beauty and goodness."

Note: Following this study, "Why? Making Sense of God's Will" will be offered Oct. 19 - Nov. 9.

When: Wednesdays, 9:30 - 11:00 am
5 weeks Sept. 14 - Oct. 12

Where: Little Theater

Leader: Rev. Pamela Buchholz

Tuesday Topics:

"Love Wins: A Book About Heaven and Hell and the Fate of Every Person Who Ever Lived"

Author Rob Bell is an evangelical preacher who has stirred up controversy with his book on God's radical love. This group is for those seeking new ways of understanding what it means to be Christian. Pick up books in the church office or at the first class.

Note: This is an ongoing group. Watch the website for details about our next study.

When: Tuesdays, 12:30 - 2:00 pm
5 Weeks Sept. 13 - Oct. 11
Childcare provided

Where: Hearth Room

Leader: Christy Miller-Black



Running the Rapids:

Parenting Teens Through the Turbulent Years



This excellent, and humor laden, study by Dr. Kevin Leman is a great resource for parents. How do you draw boundaries? How much freedom do you give teens? How do you allow them to explore new possibilities, but

keep them safe and grounded in Christian morals? Even if you can't make all of the sessions, if you are the parent of a grade schooler or teen, you'll want to be a part of this class.

When: Sundays, 10:45 - noon
6 weeks Sept. 25 - Oct. 30

Where: Middle Ground

Leader: Carolyn Landis

Young Adult Study: Love Wins

Rob Bell's book will also be the topic for young adults in their 20's & 30's. The group meets at the Grace A. Dow Library (check at the desk for the location). Invite a neighbor or co-worker. All are welcome!

When: Tuesdays, 7:00 - 8:00 pm
6 Weeks Oct. 4 - Nov. 8

Where: Grace A. Dow Library

Leader: Rev. Cathy Christman

Living the Questions: Part 2

Each session lets participants hear a diverse group of theological voices reflecting on faith and spiritual practice. Topics include: "Restoring Relationships," "The Prophetic Jesus," "Practicing Resurrection" and "The Rapture."

When: Tuesdays, 7:00 - 8:30 pm
7 Weeks Sept. 27 - Nov. 8

Where: Hearth Room

Leader: Patrick McIlvenna



Disciple: Genesis - Exodus | Luke - Acts

Ready to dig into the Bible? You can do this one! In the course of 30 weeks you will read and study just four books of the Bible which are foundational to our understanding of God as a God of covenant. This God loves us, calls us, equips us, and sends us out to serve. **You must pre-register for this class.** Do so online or call Marcia or Rev. Buchholz, 835-6797.

Pick up your book & read Lesson 1 before class.

When: Thursdays, 9:30 - 11:15 am
Begins September 15

Where: Hearth Room

Leader: Duane Townley



First Trekkers



FALL COLOR TOUR TO TRAVERSE CITY

Tuesday, October 4 (date change)

Cost \$50, lunch included

Make new friends

Enjoy the beauty of God's world

For adults of all ages

Make Reservations as soon as possible.

Call or email Marcia at 835-6797 ext 18 or mpayne@fumcmid.org

Partial Scholarships available upon request.
Contact Becky Jenkins at the church office.

ITINERARY

- Meet in the parking lot across Jerome St from the church (by the BP gas station)
- Depart First United Methodist at 8:30 am sharp
- Enjoy the **fall colors** as we drive to Traverse City
- Time for **shopping** in the specialty shops
- **Lunch with Carolyn & Rev. Bob Grigereit** at Minerva's in the Park Place Hotel
- Tour the **Peace Pole factory** in Maple City
- Head for home. The colors will be just as beautiful going home!
- Return to Midland about 6:00 pm



Grief Recovery

Sundays, October 16 - November 13

3:00 - 4:30 pm in the Parlor

Led by Rev. Dr. Lisa McIlvenna & Sandy Smith

Dealing with the death of a loved one can be among life's most difficult and stressful experiences. If you have experienced a significant loss, consider being a part of this group. You don't need to be a member of this church to participate. RSVP to lisamcilvenna@yahoo.com.

Advent Study

Journey to Bethlehem

A 5-week study from Adam Hamilton
Watch for more details in the bulletin

Adam Hamilton takes us to the Holy Land to journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem. Each week you will see sights from the Holy Land and gain new insights into the birth of Christ and the good news that brings.

The format is similar to "24 Hours That Changed the World." We will show the 10 minute DVD between services and in the discussion groups. Discussion groups will be offered at a variety of times, including groups for youth on Sunday morning. Everyone is invited to use the accompanying devotional during Advent, whether or not you can be part of a group.



MISSION OPPORTUNITY



**Manos Juntas Mexico
(Hands Together Mexico)**

Rio Bravo, Mexico

Cost \$300 plus travel

Session 1: Jan. 14-21, 2012

Session 1: Jan. 21-28, 2012

Needed: Men & women who can do any of the following: paint, lift, hammer, sew, teach children, smile, love, pray, sing!

Contact Nancy Hill at 835-8243.

SEASONED ADULTS

Meet Dr. J.D. & Carolyn Landis

September 9 ♦ Potluck at 6:15 ♦ Program follows

Seasoned Adults is eager to see new faces. If you are 65 plus, come the first Friday of the month for a potluck and a great program. The fall lineup includes:

Oct. 7 "The State of the Arts in Midland" with Mike Hayes

Nov. 4 "The Midland Battery Plant" with Dave Pankratz

Dec. 2 Christmas at the Parsonage (3217 Noeske)

Pick up a complete program brochure at the church.

Fellowship & Interest Groups for Singles and Couples

All of these groups welcome new participants. You do not have to come to every event to take part.

NEW GROUP: 20's & 30's+ Fellowship

Just looking to connect with some other young-ish adults? Single, married, with or without kids - come hang with us. Contact Meredith to be added to our email list.

Contact: Meredith Carson (486-3537) gscarson@btinternet.com

Fellowship Unlimited

We enjoy a variety of monthly activities and include singles & couples, mostly in their 40's - 60's.

Contact: Mary & Matt Hamilton (835-2837)

Seasoned Adults for singles & couples 60+

This fellowship group meets the first Friday of each month, September through May, for an evening potluck and program. For a 2011 - 12 program booklet, call Stu Bender (832-8529) or the church office.

Contact: Stu Bender (832-8529) or Alice Ralston (631-9662)

Grief Group Luncheon

This group meets the last Sunday of the month for lunch at Grand Traverse Pie. For those who have gone through Grief Recovery and are looking for on-going fellowship and support.

Contact: Rev. Lisa McIlvenna (835-7511) Lmcllvenna@fumcmid.org

FUMC Bridge Club

The Bridge Fellowship meets the fourth Tuesday of the month in the Parlor at 7:00 pm. All levels of bridge players are welcome! Open to both singles and couples.

Contact: Susan Bradshaw (835-7289; bradsj@att.net)

Simply Social

Simply Social events are just that, no monthly commitment, just occasional opportunities to have fun and connect with others in the church. A wide range of ages participate.

Contact: Diane Merrick (631-8854; dkmerrick@sbcglobal.net)

Prayer Ministry - Sundays, 8:45- 9:15 am in the Chapel

Come pray for this church, its leaders and ministries. Prayer Breakfasts are offered three times a year for fellowship and prayer and participants are asked to pray for FUMC daily.

Contact: Peg Born (631-4497; peg@bornhome.com)

RECREATION!



AguaCize PLUS Christian Fellowship (starts in October)

Enjoy Bethany Goodman's hospitality & skilled leadership as you work out in her warm-water, indoor pool. This low impact workout includes cardio, weights & stretching.

9:30 am - ladies T-TH 10:30 am - mixed gender T-TH

5:30 pm - ladies T-TH

Contact: Bethany Goodman (835-3580) BGGoodman@aol.com

Men's Basketball (Dec. through Feb.)

Our team is part of the Community Center League.

Contact: Jeff Kyro (486-3060; gokyros@sbcglobal.net)

Co-Ed Volleyball (Winter)

Experienced & novice players welcome.

Contact: Amy Appell (839-2807; amy_appell@msn.com)

Men's Softball (Spring/Summer)

Sr. high to senior citizens are welcome in this church league.

Contact: Tom Venman (636-7830; midvenman@yahoo.com)

OTHER RECREATION? Interested in other recreational leagues—kickball, golf, bowling, co-ed softball?

Contact Rev. Buchholz.



United Methodist Women welcomes all women of the church. We have special programs on a variety of topics. Dates and times vary. **Contact:** Sharron Such (689-4148).

Tuesday, September 13 ♦ "Haiti" ♦ catered dinner ♦ 6:00 pm ♦ Guest Speaker Rene Johnson

Caring Cards Circle (Daytime) & Evening Circles

These groups meet for fellowship and hands-on service projects.

◆ Daytime Caring Cards Circle:

1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 1:00 pm, Room 32

Contact: Caroline Gunkler (631-8053)

or Penny Buffenbarger (839-0324)

◆ Evening Circle: Matthew 25:35

3rd Monday, 7:00 pm, Hearth Room

Contact: Myrna Adaway (631-5099)

Christian Book Club

Read and discuss books by Christian authors. This group meets the second Monday of every month in the Hearth Room from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm

Contact: Myrna Adaway (631-5099)

Shawl Ministry

Knitters and crocheters meet 1st Thursday of the month in the Hearth Room at 12:15 pm. **Contact:** Nancy Topham (631-4073)

Lois Woodward Circle September-June

3rd Tuesday, 9:15 am in the Hearth Room. Bible study & discussion of Christian values, issues & ideas. Fellowship over lunch follows.

Contact: Dorothy Follette (832-3869)



United Methodist Men

Meets the 3rd Saturday from 7:30 - 9:00 am for a light breakfast and program with a special speaker. We also lend a hand in community and church service projects.

Contact: Fred Gray (631-0763; hhs69@aol.com)

Men's Early Thursday Prayer Group

Meets every Thursday 6:30 - 7:30 am at Tony's Texan Restaurant for breakfast, prayer, fellowship, and discussion.