

FALL DISCIPLESHIP

2020

DISCIPLESHIP

THE CONTINUAL PROCESS OF CULTIVATING WITHIN
OURSELVES THE VERY THINGS JESUS EMBODIED:
LOVE, MERCY, COMPASSION & JUSTICE



SIGNUPS

Fall 2020

SIGN UP BETWEEN
AUG. 9TH & AUG. 30TH

Select from one or a variety of discipleship groups, study opportunities, or avenues to be in relationship. Whatever best fits your soul & schedule, we want to journey alongside you this Fall!

TO REGISTER:

1. Visit: fmumc.org/groups/fall2020
2. Select the Registration Link
3. Choose the group(s) best for your soul & schedule
4. Get a follow up from that group's Leader

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New To FMUMC

STARTING POINT
SUNDAY, SEPT. 13TH - OCT. 18TH
12:30-1:30 PM

Whether you're at Starting Point, a Turning Point, or a Returning Point this group is meant to serve as another point in an ongoing conversation where you're invited to explore the church, your faith, and what it means to live in covenantal community. Lead by Pastor(s), this six week group will set the foundation for personal and communal development as you learn how you're needed, loved, and desired here at FMUMC.

JOIN THE CHURCH SUNDAY

Those who have completed the Starting Point Class are welcome to join the church on Nov. 15th. If you or someone you know is also interested in joining the congregation, please reach out to one of our Pastors

SUNDAY MORNINGS

SOJOURNERS

9:30 - 10:30 AM

“SOUL RESET” BY J. DOTSON

Adults ranging in age from those with college students to those with grandchildren, this Sunday School Group consists of seasoned folks committed to learning from and supporting one another. They'll be kicking off the Fall with Junius Dotson's study, "Soul Reset."

YOUNG ADULTS

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

The Young Adult Community is comprised of 20s-30s, both single and married, primarily with no children. The focus of the group during this virtual time is to meet weekly via Zoom in order to start and foster relationships, provide support, and engage in discussions that support spiritual growth.

SERENDIPITY

2:00 - 3:00 PM

Both singles & couples ranging from those with toddlers to empty nesters. This group meets on Sunday mornings to learn, laugh, & support one another. New study beginning in September.

CORNERSTONE

9:30 - 10:30 AM

This multi-generational class specializes in Christian Education. With topics ranging from theories of atonement to concepts of sin and grace, you're sure to learn a thing or two with Dave Farish.

CONNECTIONS

9:30 - 10:30 AM

This discussion based groups seeks to learn from one another & grow in faith as a community, through a variety of topics. Fellowship events beyond Sunday morning (after COVID-19) help deepen relationships formed in this group. All are welcome!

BIBLE STUDIES

Ongoing Studies

TUESDAY TEXT OF THE WEEK TUESDAY | 6:30 - 7:15 PM

BEGINNING SEPT. 1ST

Fellowship with new friends & gather with the Pastor to discuss the upcoming Scripture text for Sunday morning worship. This time of mutual study together, reflections & insights will offer feedback for that week's preacher & provide a great place to learning together!

PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY THURSDAY | 9:30 - 10:30 AM

GOING ON NOW

Join Pastor Taylor each Thursday morning for one of the longest standing studies at FMUMC. Each week we jump around from various topics and places in scripture, so you'll never be behind! Bring a Bible, an open heart, and a willingness to laugh!

DISCIPLE BIBLE 1 SUNDAY | 4:00 PM

12 WEEK COURSE

Part 1 of Disciple Bible 1 is a broad overview of the Old Testament. Facilitated by our Seminary Intern, Meredith Scruggs, you'll walk away with a deep appreciation for major themes of the OT.

DISCIPLE BIBLE 3 WEDNESDAY | 6:30 - 8:00 PM

12 WEEK COURSE

Did you know the prophets aren't just fortune tellers or soothsayers. These poets generated theological imagination through their critique of power & their call to repentance. Part 1 of Disciple Bible 3 is a study on these characters.

DISCIPLE BIBLE 1, 2 & 3 IS A 24 WEEK STUDY ON THE WHO'S-WHO & THE WHAT'S-WHAT OF SCRIPTURE. EACH COURSE IS SPLIT INTO TWO, 12 WEEK PARTS. TAKE PART ONE THIS FALL & SET A FIRM SCRIPTURAL FOUNDATION FOR THE REST OF YOUR FAITH JOURNEY

Short Term

DISCIPLE BIBLE 2 THURSDAY | 7:30 PM

12 WEEK COURSE

Part 1 of Disciple Bible 2 is a 12 week study on the first two books of the Bible, Genesis-Exodus. Dive into themes such as covenant, bondage & slavery, familial conflict, and so much more.

SOCIAL ACTION

Education for Mission

“RAISING WHITE KIDS”

BY JENNIFER HARVEY

WEDNESDAY | 8:30 - 9:30 PM

7 WEEK STUDY | SEPT. 2ND - OCT. 14TH

Join Pastor Alex for this 8 week study based on Jennifer Harvey's book "Raising White Kids: Bringing Up Children in a Racially Unjust America." Through this discussion group, you'll have the opportunity to explore reflections on racism in America and how to equip our children to address intolerance and current expressions of segregation. This discussion heavy group is designed for parents, grandparents and caregivers of children and teens. Book study begins on September 2nd and continues through October 14th. Purchase of the book for this study is recommended.

**“THE MOMENT A PERSON OR ENTITY
BECOMES INCAPABLE OF SELF-CRITIQUE IS
THE MOMENT THEY FALL INTO IDOLATRY”**

- FATHER RICHARD ROHR

“SO YOU WANT TO TALK ABOUT RACE”

BY IJEOMA OLUO

MONDAY | 6:30-7:30PM

6 WEEK STUDY | SEPT 14TH - OCT. 19TH

Join Pastor Taylor for this 6 week book study on Ijeoma Oluo's New York Times bestseller. A wonderful primer in the practice of having meaningful and substantive conversations about race & racism in our everyday life. Oluo guides readers of all races through subjects ranging from intersectionality and affirmative action to "model minorities." Purchase of the book is highly recommended.

“LIVING OUR PRINCIPLES”

AUG. 30 - THE NURTURING COMMUNITY

SEPT. 27 - THE SOCIAL COMMUNITY

OCT 25 - THE ECONOMIC COMMUNITY

NOV. 29 - THE POLITICAL COMMUNITY

Tune in at 7:00pm the last Sunday of every month for a Live-streamed panel discussion on the United Methodist Social Principles. With guest speaks from agencies our congregation has historically partnered with, we'll discuss how our month's sermon series invites us to active participation in the world. *Register for these events when you sign up to receive reminder emails the day before.

Topical Groups

GROWING IN GRACE **WEDNESDAY | 12:00 PM**

1ST & 3RD WEEK OF THE MONTH

Join this group as they study "Life of the Beloved" by Henri Nouwen. Initially written for a Jewish friend, this work quickly became one of Nouwen's greatest legacy to Christians around the world. This sincere testimony of the power and invitation of Christ is indeed a great guide to a truly uplifting spiritual life in today's world. An hour long, this group is perfect for anyone seeking a break from the humdrum of the workday.

"ROOTED" DINNER GROUP **FRIDAY | 7:00 - 8:30 PM**

1ST & 3RD WEEK OF THE MONTH

Join this group of folks ranging from couples to singles, parents to empty-nesters, every other week to reflect on the previous week's sermon. Emphasizing spiritual support, this is a great place for a bi-weekly check-in and to keep discipleship at the forefront of your life.

INTERESTED IN STUDYING A THEOLOGICAL TOPIC?
CURIOUS ABOUT AN ASPECT OF FAITH OR CHRISTIAN
HISTORY? DON'T SEE A GROUP OR CLASS TACKLING A
QUESTION YOU'VE ALWAYS HAD?

REACH OUT AND LET'S TALK!

EACH SEMESTER WE STRIVE TO OFFER GROUPS,
CLASSES, AND SUPPORT AVENUES THAT PROVIDE A
BALANCED DIET BETWEEN LEARNING AND NURTURING
COMMUNITY. WE'RE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR NEW
MEMBERS, NEW TOPICS, AND NEW FACILITATORS!

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FOR WOMEN

MAKING PEACE WITH PAUL **WEDNESDAY | 9:30 - 10:30 AM**

5 WEEKS STUDY | SEPT. 30 - OCT 28

Have you ever been troubled by the letters of Paul in scripture stating ideas, such as women should be silent in church (1 Cor 14:34) & women should not be allowed to teach or have authority over men? (1 Tim 2:12) Join this 5-week women's Bible study lead by Seminary Inter, Meredith Scruggs, to discuss how the United Methodist Church views these passages and how Paul may be more radically inclusive than you think.

MEREDITH SCRUGGS
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FOR MEN

MEN'S POWER HOUR **7:00 - 8:00 AM**

1ST & 3RD WEEK OF THE MONTH
Have you ever been troubled by the letters of Paul in scripture stating ideas, such as women should be silent in church (1 Cor 14:34) & women should not be allowed to

HONEY "DUDES"

MEN'S MISSION OPPORTUNITY

Honey Dudes is an outreach ministry designed to provide support or conduct small home-repair services for those needing support. Jobs like changing light-bulbs, replacing AC filters, climbing ladders, repairing fences, removing items from the attic, or occasionally mowing the lawn, let the men of FMUMC assist you!

CONTACT ERIC WELKE FOR MORE INFORMATION:

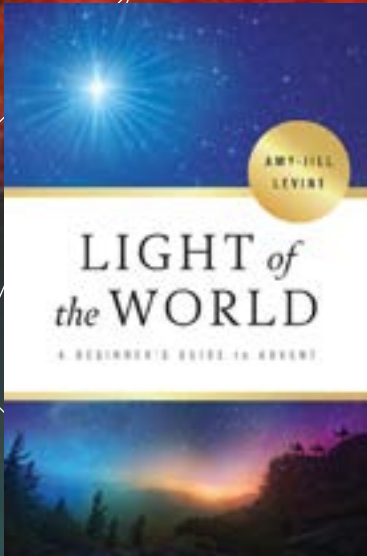
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ADVENT

Churchwide Study

LIGHT OF THE WORLD 4 WEEK STUDY | STARTING DECEMBER

In "Light of the World: A Beginner's Guide to Advent," author, professor, & biblical scholar Amy-Jill Levine explores the biblical texts surrounding the story of Jesus's birth. Join her as she traces the Christmas narrative through the stories of Zechariah and Elizabeth, Mary, the journey to Bethlehem, & the visit from the Magi. These stories open conversations around connections of the Gospel stories to the Old Testament, the role of women in first-century Jewish culture, the importance of Mary's visitation & the revolutionary implications of Mary's Magnificat, the census & the stable, & the star of Bethlehem and the flight to Egypt.



ADVENT COMPRISES THE FOUR WEEKS LEADING UP TO CHRISTMAS IN THE CHRISTIAN CALENDAR. FROM THE LATIN WORD *ADVENTUS*, MEANING "COMING," THIS IS A SEASON OF EXPECTATION & WAITING FOR THE COMING OF THE LONG AWAITED MESSIAH.

STAY TUNED THIS ADVENT FOR SHORT-TERM GROUP OPTIONS MEETING JUST DURING THESE FOUR WEEKS TO OUR CHURCHWIDE SERIES BY A.J. LEVINE'S STUDY "LIGHT OF THE WORLD"

BOOK PREORDERS WILL BE AVAILABLE MID-OCTOBER AND GROUP SIGN UPS IN EARLY NOVEMBER.



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