



Small Groups Fall 2017

The Small Group Leadership Team has been working through the summer by reviewing survey responses and listening to member's preferences for programs to be offered. Shown below are the results of that work. We know that we are starting something new, and that adjustments may be needed. We invite your participation and your feedback.

The Sunday Evening Series

We will hold a regular Sunday evening gathering for 8 weeks (10/8-11/26) featuring three different programs. For all programs, we will have a dinner at church in the Chapel, beginning at 5:00 pm. At about 5:45, we will start our small group program and finish at about 7:30. Child care will be provided. You may participate in one, two or all of the programs. The three programs are as follows:

Family and Fellowship Group – led by Joanna Bitten

The goal is to help parents find a healthy balance between caring for themselves and caring for others. This group will meet on October 15 and November 12. Joanna is a licensed counselor.

Discipleship Book Study – led by Winthrop Shin

The goal is to grow closer in fellowship and learn more about the fundamental tenets of our faith and Wesleyan values. This group will meet October 8 & 22, November 5 & 19. Win is certified lay servant.

Relationships – led by Joe Tedesco

The goals are to explore the unique miracle of our existence and examine our pursuit of significant and meaningful connections. They will meet October 29 and November 26. Joe is a retired high school teacher.

Other Programs

Sermon Discussion Group – led by Rich Baumann

The goal is to maximize the benefits of Rev. Dave's Sunday sermons through a sharing of insights and inspirations and discuss how the lessons learned can be applied to our lives. Copies of the sermons will be emailed to participants during the week after it was delivered. The schedule will be determined by those who sign up for the program, but we expect to meet every other week.

Pray and Color – led by Becky Olivo

This program has been meeting in the Church Library on Tuesday mornings at 9:15 since January. The goal is to offer up in prayer the concerns of the group while meditatively coloring. Beginning in October, the group will incorporate a study of the Book of Philippians.

Outdoors Group – led by Rich Baumann

The goal is to celebrate God's good earth through exploration. Participants will plan outings at least once a month.

Food Lovers Cooking Group – Seeking Leader

Next Steps

Everyone is encouraged to participate in one of our groups as a way to grow in relationship with God and with others. And friends are not only welcome but highly encouraged. For more information or to sign up, contact the group leaders or Rich Baumann at 973-667-4665 or at force5@verizon.net. May the Lord bless this new initiative!