

VINCENT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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GROWING AT VINCENT UMC

SMALL GROUPS AT VUMC AND ELSEWHERE

Vincent Church has had active small groups for many years. The most well known are the circles of the United Methodist Women and our very vital Sunday School program. In addition, we have several Tuesday evening study groups each year, and we are currently running an ongoing "Pray and Color" group led by Becky Olivo.

We have learned, in the past year, that churches with larger and more diverse small groups are growing in size and vitality, that participants are growing in their relationships among members and friends, and are growing in their faith through sharing of ideas on relationships and faith.

Groups may include those with a focus on study, support, mission, ministry or fellowship, or any combination of those purposes.

In our discussions with other churches, we have found groups for:

- ◆ Hiking
- ◆ Bible study

- ◆ Audio/visual ministry
- ◆ Couples connections
- ◆ Breakfast gatherings
- ◆ Dinner outings
- ◆ Book study
- ◆ Day outings
- ◆ Habitat for Humanity
- ◆ Music ministry
- ◆ Volleyball
- ◆ Young adult outdoor activities
- ◆ Wellness
- ◆ Christian yoga
- ◆ Appalachia service
- ◆ Grounds care

We can build our program in a way that meets the interests of our members and friends. We can identify needs in our community that may attract new people to our church through small groups in which they can share their joys and concerns.

We can grow in our faith and in our relationships, while growing our church.