

FCC Connects...

through small groups and classes



—2020 Spring Semester—

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Spring 2020 Small Groups & Classes

Before Worship

Sunday Meditation Group (spiritual practice)
This group practices silent meditation to cultivate peace and joy. Each session includes discussion of readings from teachers such as Thich Nhat Hahn, Richard Rohr, and others. No previous experience in meditation practice is required. (A different meditation option is available on Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m.) **Meets at 8:30 a.m. in Room 1 on the lower level.**

Contact: Tom Walsh

Emmaus-Interpreters Class (Bible study)
Where did the book of Revelation come from? What do its strange visions and apocalyptic images of the end of times mean? And why were other books of revelation discarded while this one survived? Brilliantly weaving scholarship with a deep understanding of the human needs to which religion speaks, Elaine Pagels' *Revelations: Visions, Prophecy, and Politics in the Book of Revelation* presents a profound exploration of the Bible's strangest and most controversial book. **Meets at 9:15 a.m. in the Campbellite Room, 2nd level.**

Contact: Andy Stafford

After Worship

Campbellite Class (study, discussion)
As thinking persons who love God and each other, we think together about how we should live as part of God's family. This term we will share our thoughts about the issues that cause conflict in our culture and our own lives. Lively discussion as part of our lifelong learning. We invite you to join us at **11:15 a.m. in the Fireside Study on the main level.**

Contact: Jane Watkins

After Worship (continued)

Faith, Friends & Films
(discussion, spiritual practice)
When this group gathers, film sets the tone for diving deep into our shared faith journey. The dialogue begins with brief and engaging videos featuring modern theologians. Some weeks the group learns about or engages in a spiritual discipline and practices it together. Join us in sharing the discoveries and challenges that arise as we more deeply connect with God, self, and others. We meet at **11:15 a.m. in the Campbellite Room on the 2nd level.**
Contact: Lisa Autry, Amy Hoover, Sharon Robinson

The Sharing Table (discussion group)
Join this lively, unstructured dialogue as participants review the morning sermon and discuss various meditational writings through the lens of a personal relationship with the sacred. Conversation begins at **11:15 a.m. in the sanctuary on the main level.**
Contact: Thomas Thompson

Pathfinders and Young Explorers
(children's study: PreK-grade 5)
Each Sunday after worship, children are invited to go deeper into the Bible stories introduced during children's worship. Younger children remain in the classroom throughout the lesson, while older children join church staff 2-3 times each month to develop their Bible study skills. During Lent this group will participate in the Lenten Devotional group. **Meets at 11:15 a.m. in Room 7/8 on the lower level.**

Contact: Jo Weddle, Sarah Lynne Gershon

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After Worship (continued)

Youth (project-based activities and discussion)
Youth (grades 6-12) meet weekly following worship for discussions about life and faith. Discussion begins at **11:15 a.m. in the Youth Room (#13) on the lower level.**
Contact: Ashlyn Reynolds

Sunday Afternoon/Evening

Youth Bible Study (study, discussion)
Youth gather again on Sundays at 4:00 pm to engage in scripture and spiritual practices. Time is dedicated to covering topics the youth are interested in as well as exploring and pushing their horizons. This spring we will focus on self-care and self-love, discussing everything from basic life skills to affirming ourselves as beloved children of God to relationships to community love and care.
Contact: Ashlyn Reynolds

Bloomington Bible Study (study, discussion)
FCC's college ministry focuses on studying with the Bible. This means that students are encouraged to bring homework to do while we discuss our weekly theme and how it relates to our faith journeys. The group consists of young adults who are college-aged, but you do not need to be in college to attend. Everyone 18-30 is welcome! Join us on Sundays beginning at **5:00 p.m. in the Fireside Study on the main level.**
Contact: Haley Norris

Weeknights

Listening to God (spiritual practice) Cultivate the practice of silent meditation as a means of deepening faith and improving conscious contact with God. No previous experience in meditation practice is required. All are welcome to join our practice on Tuesdays from **5:45-6:45 p.m. in the Fireside Study.**
Contact: Thomas Thompson

Special Opportunities for Spiritual Growth during Lent

Lenten Devotional (families of all kinds, intergenerational)
Using coloring pages and brief reflections, an *Illustrated Lent: Reflections on Prayer* invites families of all types to focus intentionally on the spiritual discipline of prayer during the Lenten season. By exploring different Gospel passages of Jesus engaged in prayer, we will be encouraged to learn new ways to expand and enrich our experiences of prayer, individually, as families, and in community. On Sundays at **11:15 a.m. in Great Hall.**
Contact: Sarah Lynne Gershon

Where Two or Three Are Gathered: Sharing Christ's Peace (4 week series for adults)
Our four week Lenten Series will invite us into a time of deeper peace, giving us opportunity deepen the ties that bind us together as a community. Join us for a fun and meaningful time of sharing, listening, praying, and (hopefully) experiencing the Peace of Christ in our midst. Led by Pastor Helen and with the help of trained facilitators Terry Daugherty and Brett Gershon, we will meet in the Chapel Gathering Space. A light supper will be served at 5:30 pm with the study beginning at 6:15 pm. Childcare will be provided from 6:15 - 7:30 pm



Spring 2020 Small Groups & Classes Groups Meeting Monthly

Caregivers Create

If you are a caregiver, personal or professional, who would like a bit of respite time to take a creative adventure, this is for you! No experience necessary for this FREE opportunity. Each class is led by a professional artist or experienced crafter. All materials and light refreshments are provided.

Meets **1:30-4:00 p.m., 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, in the Chapel/Gathering Space on the main level.** Reservations are required. Save your spot by emailing CaregiversCreate@gmail.com or call the FCC office at 812-332-4459.

Women's Arts & Crafts

Create unique hand-crafted items and enjoy fun company. Past crafts include jewelry making, ribbon bookmarks, washcloth bunnies, and seasonal wreaths. Feel free to bring your own project or participate in our monthly activity. We gather on the **first Monday of each month from 7-8:30 p.m. in the Chapel/Gathering Space.**

Contact: Susan Jenkin

Voices of Faith (Disciples Women)

This network of Disciples Women strives to connect and empower women to engage in dialogue and advocacy as we do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with God. We would love to hear *your* voice as we learn together where our deep gladness and our community's deep hunger meet.

Contact the church office for the schedule and more information.

Youth Group

Youth meet monthly for fellowship and/or service activities including Holiday World getaways, Christmas shopping for families in need, lock-ins, and game nights. **For information about upcoming activities, contact Ashlyn Reynolds,** director of youth ministries.

Roger L. Heimer Book Group (for men)

Big thoughts and open minds meet in FCC's book group for men. The current booklist is available in the church office. Meets the **third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm in the Fireside Study.**

Book Bunch (for women)

This fun group of readers gathers every five weeks to discuss books from a variety of genres. **A booklist with meeting dates and locations is available in the church office.**

Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS)

This group of moms gathers on the **first Wednesday of each month** to embrace the journey of motherhood. Whether you are a soon-to-be mom, an adoptive mom, young mom, seasoned mom, foster mom, stepmom or any other type of mom, you are welcome to join us!

Learn more on our Facebook page:

[@fccbloomingtonmops.](https://www.facebook.com/fccbloomingtonmops)

Contact: Andrea Dalton

*For more information on FCC's Spring Classes and Small Groups, please contact Sarah Lynne Gershon, Director of Faith Formation and Family Ministries.
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