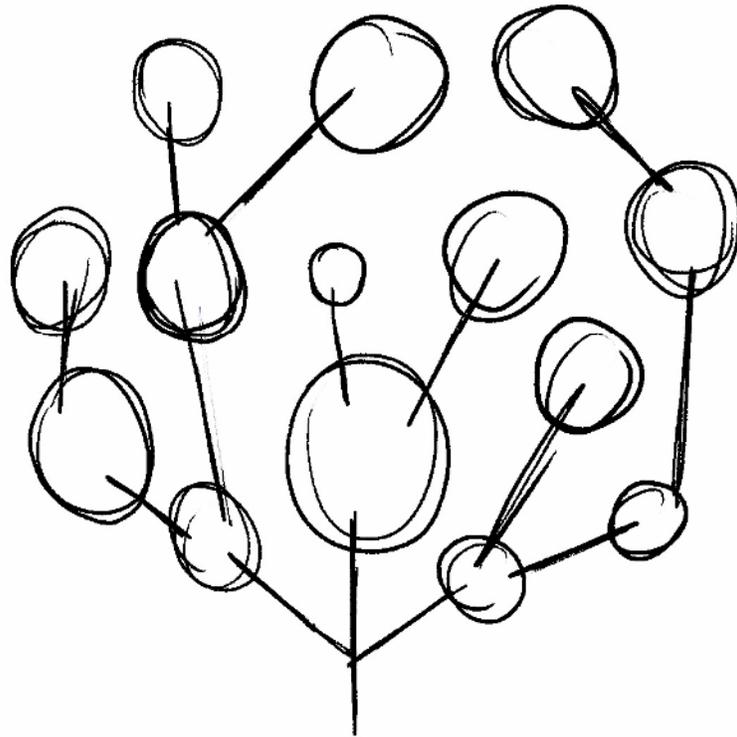


FCC Connects

through small groups & classes



2021 Fall Semester

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Fall 2021 Small Groups & Classes

Sunday Options

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. **Meets**

Sundays at 8:15 a.m.

Contact: Tom Walsh

After Worship

Campbellite Class (study, discussion)

This group is for people who want to think about how to live their faith in a time of world-wide change. We read a current article about a religious or moral issue, and then discuss how it bears on our faith. We don't always agree with each other—or with the chosen article—but the search for how to live faithfully keeps us trying.

We invite you to join us **Sundays at 11:15 a.m. via Zoom.**

Contact: Jane Watkins, Joe Lee

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

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 Sundays at **11:15 a.m. via Zoom.**

Contact: Lisa Autry, Amy Hoover, Sharon Robinson

Say to This Mountain **study on Mark's Gospel** (book and bible study)

Say to this Mountain is a bible study on the Gospel of Mark, authored by an ecumenical team that is committed to the work of justice and peace, the renewal of the church, and to Christian discipleship. The study will help us understand how this gospel intersects with our own life stories and the broader story of the times in which we live.

We invite you to join us this fall on **Sundays beginning Sept. 12 at 11:15 a.m.**

Format (Zoom or in-person) TBD

Contact: Brett Gershon



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After Worship (continued)

FCC Kids!

(bible study: PreK-grade 5)

This an opportunity for children to develop a foundational understanding of scripture through engaging short videos, discussion, and activities. **PreK through 3rd graders** will be introduced to Bible characters through Spark's *Holy Moly* curriculum. **4th and 5th graders** will develop an understanding of other-arching narrative of salvation through Spark's *Connect* curriculum.

Meets at 11:15 a.m. in Room 7/8 on the lower level.

Contact: Jo Weddle, Sarah Lynne Gershon

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

Bloomington Bible Study

(study, discussion, young adult 18-30)

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. This fall we will be reflecting on Christ's inclusive love. Join us on **Sundays at 1:00 pm beginning Sept. 5**

Contact: Haley Norris

Monday Evening

(parking available at First Presbyterian)

Understanding Progressive Christianity

(book study, video, and discussion)

What does Christianity have to offer an increasingly secular world? How has "religion" distorted Jesus' message? This is a 24-week class (fall and spring) in which participants can learn about and grow in a progressive, Christian faith that is free from dogma and rooted in hope for a full and abundant life in this world. We will engage readings and videos from scholars such as Bart Ehrman, Diana Butler Bass, and Marcus Borg.

Mondays beginning Sept. 13 at 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Contact: David Garshaw



Racial Trauma Healing

with *My Grandmother's Hands* (body practice, journaling, reflection)

More than a book study, this group will set aside time during their week to read and engage in the some body practices and soul journaling prompts from somatic therapist Resmaa Menakem's best-selling book *My Grandmother's Hands*. The group will meet for guided body practices and to reflect on their experiences, challenges and questions.

2x a month on Mondays 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Registration required by 9/12, starts 9/20
Materials provided & childcare available on request

Contact: Erin Kelley, Sarah Lynne Gershon

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Tuesday Morning



Pastor's Fall Lectionary Study

This study will follow the Lectionary readings assigned for each Sunday. This fall the lectionary is based on the gospel of Mark, so we will focus on the gospel text and connect it with readings from Psalms, Proverbs, James, and Hebrews. The study will include time to reflect on each week's sermon.

Tuesdays at 10 a.m. beginning September 14. (Time may be adjusted to suit the group.)

Leader and contact: Pastor Will Jewsbury

Monthly

Voices of Faith (Disciples Women)

A network of Disciples Women, Voices of Faith strives to dialogue, educate and advocate as we do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with God. We have supported Beacon shelters, supplies to MCUM and Opportunity House, voter registration with the League of Women Voters, and assisted efforts at Bread of Life, Mother Hubbard's Cupboard, Middle Way House and Noah's Ark. **We are not currently meeting on a regular basis but are alert to the concerns of our community and will mobilize as needed.**

Contact: Sue Fettchenhauer, Sandra Bate, or Judith Olmsted for more information.

Monthly (continued)

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.**



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