

## Adult Faith Formation Small Groups and Classes

Adulthood can span seven or even eight decades, and our faith is changing throughout all of those years. At First Christian Church we endeavor to provide opportunities for all adults to grow in their faith, wherever they are along the journey. Small groups meeting during the Sunday learning hour or throughout the week provide opportunities for lifelong learners to go deeper into scripture or theological topics, while monthly interest-based groups offer pathways into creative experiences with art, literature and spiritual practice. *Due to COVID-19 we now offer many of our groups online through ZOOM.* Please, contact Sarah Lynne Gershon at sarahlynn@fccbloomington.org for more information or to receive the zoom link to join one of our small groups and classes.

### Weekly Opportunities on Sundays

#### **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 mediation practice is required. **Meets at 9:00 a.m. on Sundays via Zoom.**

Leader: Tom Walsh

#### **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.**

Leaders: Lisa Autry, Amy Hoover, and Sharon Robinson

#### **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 our focus will be on "Living the Christian Life in a Time of Pandemic." This class likes lively discussion as part of our lifelong learning. We invite you to join us **Sundays at 11:15 a.m. via Zoom.**

Leaders: Jane Watkins, Joe Lee, and Nancy Heimer

contact Andi Fletcher for Zoom link

#### **Bloomington Bible Study** (study, discussion)

This 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! Pre-Pandemic FCC's college ministry focused on studying with the Bible (this means that students were encouraged to bring homework to do while we discussed our weekly theme and how it relates to our faith journeys), but now everything has changed and we are figuring out the how's and what's of this group. Stayed tuned for the details coming soon and let us know if you want to get connected to whatever transpires. **Time, Day and Forum TBD**

Leader: Haley Norris

## Groups Meeting Weekly

### Deeper Bible Study

This group engages FCC's sermon series scriptures using the Deeper Bible Study method. The Deeper method keeps us on our toes, searching each text for relevance, guidance, and inspiration...and allowing us to be honest when we don't find what we expect. We welcome folks new to this Bible study method, as well as those who've tried it before, and are always interested in feedback from participants. *Our New Bible Study Session: Season of Creation* will focus on the stories of creation, temptation and the flood are some of the most familiar in the Bible. And since they are so familiar, we sometimes hear them as tired old stories, letting them slip through our minds without using all the tools in our Biblical toolboxes. What is actually in the Biblical text, and what has come to us from music, poetry, film and other media? Does it matter when the stories were written down in the form we know today? How do life experiences and current events change how we receive these stories? Join us and explore these questions and more using the Deeper Bible Study method! **Meets 3**

**Wednesdays starting Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:30-8:30 p.m.**

Leaders: Debbie White, Elma Jessen and Connie Myers

### Making Sense of the Cross

A 6 week book/DVD/discussion study via Zoom of different understandings of the Cross. Lutheran biblical scholar David Lose will be the teacher on DVD, with Bruce Ervin providing leadership. The class will be held on Wednesday evenings, beginning September 9. Books can be ordered through Amazon or by calling Mitzi in the Bedford-FCC office: 812-275-4497.

## Groups Meeting Monthly

### Book Bunch (for women)

This fun group of readers gathers every five weeks to discuss books from a variety of genres. We typically meet **on a Thursday at 4:00 pm via Zoom. A booklist with meeting dates and locations is available in the church office and online.**

Leader: Betsy Watson

### Voices of Faith

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. The group is now reading *White Fragility* by Robin DiAngelo and is supporting voter registration initiatives. Via its mailing list, VoF shares calls to action that support legislation, cooperation with civic groups, and responses to community issues and concerns. We meet **monthly on third Saturdays, 9:30-11:00 am via Zoom.**

Leaders: Sandy Bate, Susan Fettchenhauer, Judith Olmsted

### 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.

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