

SMALL groups

kickoff

Dinner: January 11, 6:00 p.m.

On January 11, 6:00 p.m., we will gather for a meal and then split off into groups to further shape our new small group opportunities. Facilitators will seek your input to further define what the group might become and to consider meeting days/times. (Children's Ministries Director Jill Kimbirl has offered to help groups coordinate childcare or children's activities to coincide with group meeting times. Several groups may want to think about meeting on the same day/time to help with this.)

The purpose of small groups is to build community and strengthen faith. Following the model found in Scripture in Acts 2, groups will engage in varying levels of:

- Fellowship
- Prayer
- Bible Study
- Service

Our congregation has many ministry opportunities that already function as small groups. We hope this new emphasis on small groups will breathe new life into ministries that have been helping people connect, care for one another and grow in faith for years. New groups are being established and launched offering new opportunities to connect and grow.

Ahead of the Small Group Kickoff Event on January 11 we hope to gauge your interest in the ideas proposed for new groups and to have a little time to reorganize if there are other needs expressed. Please indicate the group or groups you will likely plan to attend or offer the suggestion of a subject area you would plan to attend if we have critical mass to start it:

God's Workshop for Those in Need (*new title*) (facilitators: Beverly Stewart and Gloria Hickson): Gathering to create items for others (for example: knitting, crochet, beading, making cards and more); some will make calls or visits to deliver items but that will not be required of everyone.

Community issues (facilitator: Roger Rizk): Taking a look at the community around us, identifying the needs of others and then taking action through service projects to impact the community in a positive way. This group would coordinate with existing missions projects of the church to help provide the needed volunteers.

Young Adults (18-35) (facilitator: Betty Davenport): Gathering young adults into fellowship. Those who attend will largely steer the emphasis of the group. This group could alternate between social gatherings and study events and may be multiple groups depending on the turnout.

Couples cooking (facilitator: Jim Cookson) with the possibility of sometimes cooking as a service project.

Flowers, Food & More (facilitator: Patty Ratchford): This group will organize around topics such as flower arranging, cooking, and more as defined by the group.

Men's Activity Group (facilitator: David Ratchford): This group is for men who want to gather to do something active such as tennis, running, biking, etc.

Daytime Bible Study & Prayer (facilitator Coleman Efird): Come together to take a deeper look at the Bible and to pray for what concerns us (personal, local, national, worldwide concerns).

Topic Study Beginning with Crown Financial Ministries Study (facilitator: Judy Planer): This group will begin with the Crown Financial study taking a look at personal finances from a faith standpoint, then decide as a group what to study after that.

What other topic would you like to form a group around? Share with Adult Ministries chair Judy Planer.

Existing small groups and ministry opportunities:

Please consider if this might be the right time for you to join an existing ministry or group of the church.

Faith & Fiction – book discussion group (contact: Sarah Wentz)

Sewing Ministry – makes items to share with ministries here and around the world (contact: Leanna Vaughn)

Rise & Shine Breakfast Ministry – serves a free breakfast to anyone who needs it on Wednesday mornings in the Parlor, 7:00-8:00 a.m. (contact: Rev. Lauren Vanacore)

Presbyterian Women Circles – gather monthly for study and service (contact: Jennie Williams)

Men's Breakfast – meets Wednesday mornings at 7:00 a.m. for breakfast and a devotion (contact: Rev. John Frye)

Sunday School Classes:

Classes for children (contact: Jill Kimbirl)

Henderlite (contact: Tom Efird)

Seekers (contact: Bob Blake)

Journey (contact: Wade Coffey)

Connections (contact: Tom Avery)



Church Ministry Teams/Committees and chairpersons:

Adult Ministry—Judy Planer

Building & Grounds—Tom Watson

Children's Ministry—Lisa Dent

Missions Ministry—Jim Cookson

Finance Ministry—Gene Matthews (subcommittees: budget, investment, endowment, stewardship)

Congregational Life —Ralph Dickson (subcommittees: communications, hospitality, membership development, pastoral care)

Personnel Ministry—Rick Jones

Worship & Music Ministry—Bill Adams

Youth Ministry—Grady Kennington

Yoga: contact Becca Shiflet

RoadRunners – semi-monthly outings for senior adults (contact: Ellen Cinq-Mars)

Meals on Wheels – deliver meals on a regular schedule (contact: Lydia Wilson)

Weekend Backpack Food Program – pack meals for elementary and middle school children (contact: Sylvia Seawell)

Sanctuary Choir – practice and provide choral anthems for worship; practices are Wednesdays, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. in the choir room (contact: Bethany Jennings)

Sanctuary Ringers – practice and provide handbell anthems and accompaniment for worship; practices are Wednesdays, 5:35-6:35 p.m. in the choir loft (contact: Bethany Jennings)

Prayer Lunch – weekly lunch and 30-minute topic led by our pastors and parish nurse.

Wednesday Night Alive – weekly Wednesday Bible or topical study led by our pastors

First Kidz Children's Ministry. Weekly Wednesday night activities, music and more! (Contact: Jill Kimbirl)

Youth Ministry – our mid- and high school youth ministry groups gather for activities, study and service throughout the year. (Contact: Josie Miller)