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Adult Education at First United Methodist Church. Find us at www.dgfumc.org.

Register soon by email or phone!

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An Invitation to Adult **Christian Study**

Growth as a Christian can be a wonderful. lifelong journey, especially when taken in fellowship with other travelers who help each other along the way. Whether you are just starting or have studied for years, you can always benefit from the insight of others as you grow in your faith. The classes in this brochure attempt to offer something for everyone, no matter where you are in your faith journey or how busy you are. There are a broad range of times, durations and topics so that you can find something that fits your needs.

We hope that everyone will choose to participate in some way. Register by completing the attached registration form and returning it to the church office or placing it in the offering plate. You can also just call the church office to register. We hope to see you there!

Yours in Christ,

Start your New Year off right—sign up for Adult Education!

Mary Zajac Co-Director of Christian Education



Spring 2005 Registration Form

To Register: By February 7, 2005

- Email mary@dgfumc.org, or
- Detach and return to office, or
- Place in offering plate, or
- Call the office at 968-7120.

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Ongoing Study Groups

Attend as you are able! Newcomers and visitors are always welcome!



Watch the Tower Bell or web site for specific topics and special events.

Men's Discussion Group

Sundays in Room 202 at 8:00–9:30 AM Coordinator: Rick Rettberg

Seekers

Sundays in Room 203 at 9:30-10:30 AM Coordinator: Del Hargreaves

Koinonia

Sundays in Room 218, 9:30-10:30 AM Coordinator: Mary Joyce Pickett

Pizza, Sharing & Connection

Monthly gathering for young adults (twenties and thirties, single or couples). **First Mondays** in Room 218, 6:30-8:00 PM. Childcare provided. Coordinator: Pastor John Smoke

Wednesday Morning Spiritual Growth Wednesdays in Room 203.

9:30-11:00 AM

Coordinator: Pastor John Smoke

Church Chat

Discuss a wide range of topics arranged in four week sessions. Childcare available as part of Welcome on Wednesdays (W.O.W.). **Wednesdays** in Room 218, 7:00 – 8:30 PM.

Coordinator: Terry Rettberg

Small Group Ministries

These groups are limited in size, please <u>register early</u> and plan to attend every session.



Quilting: We will be using patterns from an 1863 quilt and piecing them together by hand. No sewing machine required. Great for seasoned quilters looking for a new project, or new quilters seeking to learn! **Sundays** from 2:00—4:00 PM, Feb 13—May 8. Room 218. Facilitator: Julie Stone

Parables of Jesus: Jesus told many simple stories with profound truths. This group will discuss the stories and their messages for today. **Mondays** from 7:30-9:00 PM, February 7-April 25 in Room 116. Facilitator: Del Hargreaves.

Basic Bible: If you've always wanted to know more about the Bible, this group may be for you. This group will introduce you to the entire Bible without any homework! **Tuesdays** 7:00—8:30 PM, February 8—May 10 in Room 204. Facilitator: Mary Zajac

Praying the Scriptures: Take a break from your busy life and come together to pray the scriptures. This group will use an approach known as *Lectio Divina* to encounter the scriptures in deep and insightful manner. **Every other Tuesday** from 1:00—2:00 PM in Room 203. February 15—May 10. Facilitators: Lenore Pitstick and Mary Zajac.

More Small Group Ministries

Revelation: This 6 week study will seek to unravel the mystery of the last book of the Bible. **Wednesdays** 7:00—8:30 PM, April 20—May 25. Room 203.

Facilitator: Pastor Debbie Fisher.

Purpose Driven Life: This book has been used by thousands of people to help answer the age-old question, "What on earth am I here for?"

Wednesdays at 7:00 – 8:30 PM, February 9—April 13. Room 16. Facilitator: Shannon Fredres

Fun with Oils: Beginning oil painting with the creator of our wonderful mural in the Children's Library! Bring paper, pencil, and a big smile! **Thursdays** at 7:00—9:00 PM, February 10-April 28 in Room 214. Facilitator: Carolyn Drogemuller

Walking Humbly, Doing Justice:

Engage in lively discussion about the United Methodist Social Principles as we explore scriptural foundations and how to relate scripture to societal reality. The focus will be social justice issues. **Thursdays** from 9:00—11:00 AM.

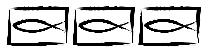
February 10—May 5. Room 203. Facilitator: Pastor John Smoke

The Lord's Prayer: This 5 week group meeting during Lent will take you to new understandings of this favorite prayer. **Thursdays** at 7:30 – 9:00 PM, February 17—March 17. Room 116.

Facilitator: Ruth Pfeiffer.



Other Programs



Come to Alpha!

This widely publicized program seeks to answer foundational faith questions:

- ₱ Why Did Jesus Die?
- ♣ Does God Heal Today?

Enjoy dinner and study together on **Wednesdays** from 6:30 - 9:00 PM from February 16—May 11, 2005. Chapel Hall.



Seminar in Time Management

Embrace those things that are important to you.

Plan your day accordingly. Stick with your plan.

This seminar will help you identify those things that are most important to you and help you to live your life in accordance with these values and priorities. This seminar will present, within a spiritual context, an innovative approach for effect time management.

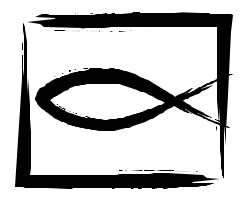
Presented by Dale Faber M.Div. L.C.S.W.

Saturday, February 19 from 9:00 AM to noon in Chapel Hall.

Watch the Tower Bell and web site: www.dgfumc.org for other special events this Spring!

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