

*Adult Education at First United Methodist Church. Find us at [www.dgfumc.org](http://www.dgfumc.org).  
Lifelong Christian learning to guide our faith in daily living.*

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First United Methodist Church  
1032 Maple Ave.  
Downers Grove, IL 60515

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



## 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,

Mary Zajac  
Co-Director of Christian Education



## Spring 2005 Registration Form

**To Register: By February 7, 2005**

- ♦ Email [mary@dgfumc.org](mailto:mary@dgfumc.org), or
- ♦ Detach and return to office, or
- ♦ Place in offering plate, or
- ♦ Call the office at 968-7120.

**Groups fill on first come basis**

### Small Group Ministries:

- Quilting—Sundays at 2:00 PM, February 12—May 7.
- Parables of Jesus—Mondays at 7:30 PM, February 7-April 25.
- Basic Bible-Tuesdays at 7:00 PM, February 8-May 10.
- Praying the Scriptures—Every other Tuesday at 1:00 PM, Feb. 15-May 10.
- Revelation: Wednesdays at 7:00 PM, April 20—May 25.
- Purpose Driven Life—Wednesdays at 7:00 PM, February 10—April 14.
- Fun with Oils—Thursday at 7:00 PM, February 10-April 28.
- Walking Humbly, Doing Justice—Thursdays at 9:00 AM, February 10—May 5.
- The Lord's Prayer—Thursdays at 7:30 PM, February 17-March 17.

### Other Programs:

- Alpha*—Wednesdays 6:30—8:30 PM, February 17—May 11.
- Time Management Seminar February 19 from 9:00—noon.

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PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

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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 register early 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:

- † Who is Jesus?
- † Why Did Jesus Die?
- † Why Should I Pray?
- † 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 effective 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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