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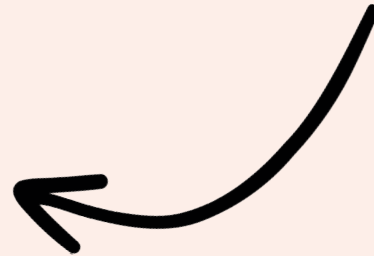


Learning Guide

SPRING 2024
CLASSES & STUDIES



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MEMORIAL DRIVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH SPRING 2024 CLASSES & STUDIES

A list of learning opportunities at MDUMC.

If you want to know God more, are searching for connection, wonder what it means to live out your faith, are curious about theology, want to dig into the Bible, or hope to be a disciple in today's world - this guide is for you! There is something for everyone.

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Who should use this guide?

You. Each individual. Every family. This guide is for everyone.

As the Christians, we are called to discipleship. Being a disciple means being a learner. Jesus, himself, was a lifelong learner – at the age of twelve, he was listening to teachers in the temple, asking questions (Luke 2:46), we hear him later teaching and encouraging disciples to “learn” (Matthew 24:32), even in his final hours he was learning (Hebrews 5:8). If we are to be the Body of Christ, we must continually explore, seek understanding, and strive to learn who God is and who God calls us to be.

Why get engaged in learning?

Learning is worthwhile. Not only will you grow roots in Scripture, but you will also cultivate a relationship with God and spread faith and love.

If I get hungry while I’m on campus, what might I find?

The Main Campus of MDUMC has an on-site kitchen that is open Monday - Thursday from 12 - 1 PM. The cost of a hot meal is \$7 cash or card, \$1 for a side salad, and \$3 for a large salad. Wednesday night dinner is also available on our Main Campus as part of Pastor Brad’s study and on our West Campus as part of Young Family Connect.

What if I can’t afford the cost of the study or meal?

Learning Scholarships are available! Don’t let money hold you back from diving in to learning more about who God is and who God created you to be. Contact Cindy Mood for a scholarship request.

How can I nurture my faith at home?

Try Amplify Media! Amplify is home to thousands of videos that will allow you to explore and grow your faith in new ways. There are videos centered around study, reflection, worship and more; and content geared toward adults, students, and children. Best of all, you can watch these videos anytime on almost any device whenever and wherever you need them! For more information visit, mdumc.org/amplify.

How do I know if something has changed since this guide was printed?

Check out the most current version of the Learning Guide online at mdumc.org/learning.

Where do I register for a study I’m interested in?

Visit mdumc.org/register to learn more and register for all upcoming studies.

I heard there is an MDUMC App?

Yes! Download for Apple and Android at mdumc.org/app.

LEARNING



Disciples of Jesus continually study, read scripture, and explore their faith together.

Opportunities for learning at MDUMC include seasonal studies and classes, Sunday morning groups, a Wednesday church-wide Bible study led by Dr. Brad Morgan, Rev. Michael Jarboe, and more.

LIVING



Disciples of Jesus share common life together in prayer, community, and regular gathering.

Opportunities for living at MDUMC include all the ways that we meet and share life with others. Lifestyle groups are available for men, women, older adults, singles, and more. Part of living in community means caring for and supporting one another in a variety of ways, so Care Groups are also available and meet consistently throughout the week.

GIVING



Disciples of Jesus give of their time, energy, and resources to the local church to enable the sharing of the gospel.

We contribute to the mission and ministry of the church as a direct response to what God has done in Jesus Christ for all of us. God calls us to be Christ for the world, and the primary way in which we do that is through the work of the church both locally and across the world. The generosity of members is necessary to achieve what we have been called to do.

SERVING



Disciples of Jesus demonstrate God's love through acts of service in our neighborhoods and all over the world.

There are many ways for you to serve locally and globally: some as simple as showing up once, and others that are ongoing and help support long-term partnerships.

MAIN CAMPUS

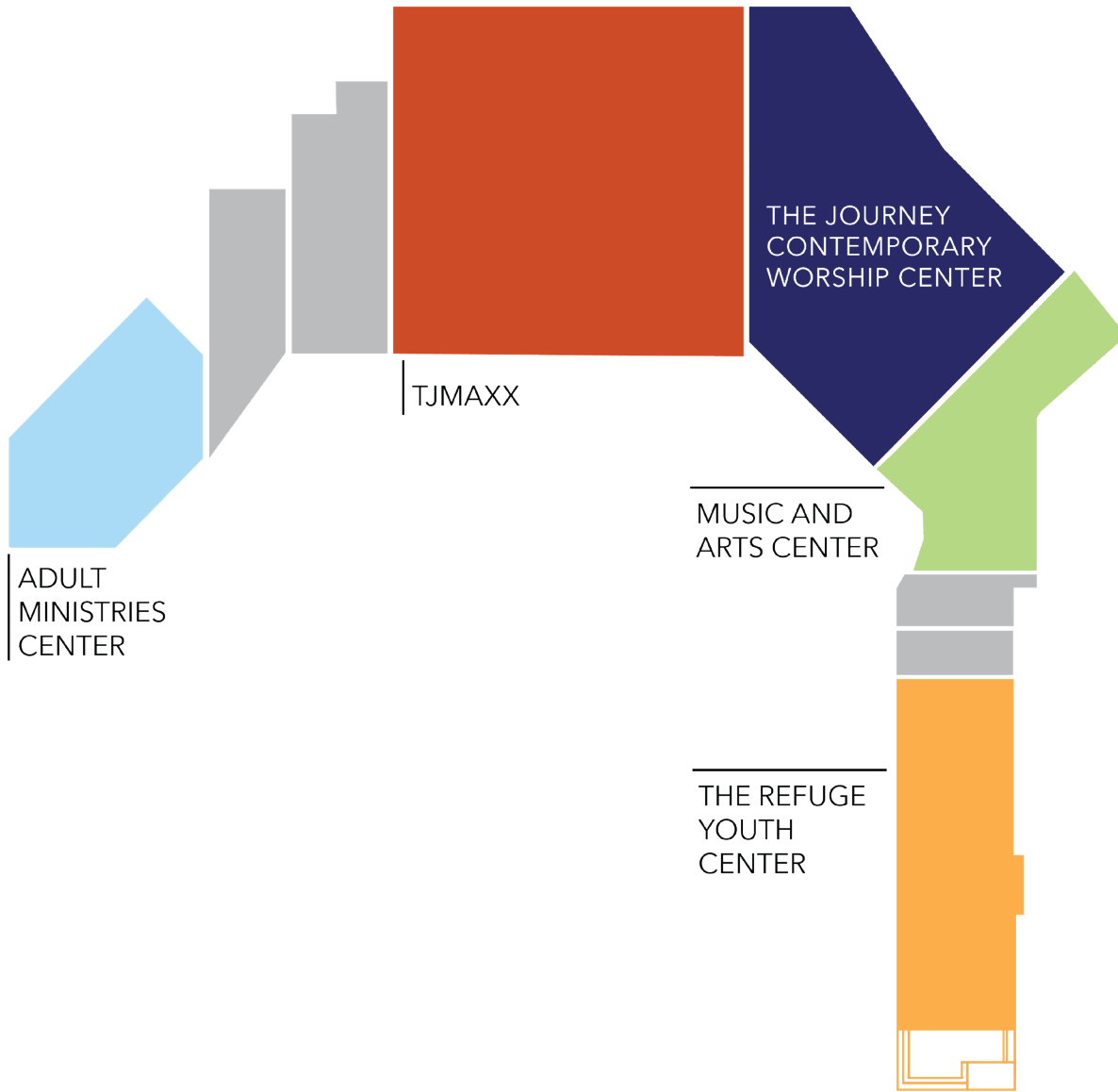


First Floor



Second Floor

WEST CAMPUS





CONFIRMATION / 6TH GRADE SUNDAY SCHOOL

Join us for a great year of learning, making new friends, and having fun! Confirmation, which literally means “to make firm” happens each Sunday at Memorial Drive UMC. It is our hope for your sixth-grade child to build their Christian foundation, and to prepare them to become a member of the United Methodist Church. We discuss various aspects of the Christian faith, as well as learn about other religious beliefs. The idea is for your child to develop their own faith, and to understand the importance of being part of the church community. The class is more than just Sunday morning. We visit other places of worship, offer many ways to serve the church and the community, and gather for fun! The Sunday morning classes are taught by both parents and pastors. The curriculum we use is called ‘Confirm.’

6th Grade Sunday School
Sundays at 9:30 AM
Main Campus | Youth Lounge

January 14 - March 3 | 4-4:45 PM
Main Campus | Room C206

FOR PARENTS:

See page 10 for Sunday School offerings

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

All Ages by September 1, 2024

The Journey - West Campus

9:30 AM

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- Nursery Age 0-1 – Room C
- 2 Year-Olds – Room B
- 3 Year-Olds – Room D
- Pre-K - 4 – Room E
- Kindergarten – Room F
- 1st Grade – Rehearsal Room
- 2nd Grade – Art Room
- 3rd-5th Grade – Adult Ministry Center
- 6th Grade Confirmation - See Main Campus

11 AM

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- Nursery Age 0-1 – Room C
- 2-Year-Olds – Room B
- 3 and Pre-K-4 Year-Olds – Room D
- Kindergarten - 2nd Grade – Room E
- 3rd - 5th Grade – Room F

Main Campus

9:30 AM

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- 0-2 years- Nursery Room
- 3-4 years- Room C100
- K-2nd grades- Room C101
- 3rd-5th grades- Room C202
- 6th Grade Confirmation - Youth Lounge

11 AM

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- Nursery Room Open



ARISE

For 7-12th graders

Build community and faith together with 7th-12th graders every Sunday at Arise. Whether it's mission opportunities, music and worship, small groups or more, we always have a great time on Sunday mornings. Contact MarkBogart@mdumc.org for questions.

Sundays at 9:30 AM
MDUMC West Campus | The Refuge

MDUMC YOUTH SMALL GROUPS

Each week, several groups meet to learn more about Jesus together with their peers. The small groups are built with the 7th-12th grade interests in mind. They are not separated strictly by grade or gender but formed with the help of interested students. If your student would like to join a small group, contact Caroline Stone at CarolineStone@mdumc.org.

Time and location determined by participants.

PRAYERS, BREAKFAST AND JESUS (PB&J)

7-8th graders

Eat a delicious breakfast and hear a short devotional before school. A great way to start your day. Parents drop you off at PB&J and we will get you to school.

Spring Forest Middle School

Tuesdays at 7:30 AM at Chick-fil-A (735 North Dairy Ashford Road)

Memorial Middle School

Wednesdays at 7:30 AM at Einstein's Bagels
(600 West Sam Houston Parkway North #700)

Cornerstone Academy

Thursdays at 7:30 AM at Buzz & Bites (1444 Blalock Rd Ste G)

Contact Lynell Kennedy at LynellKennedy@mdumc.org with questions.

HOLY WEEK BREAKFASTS

7-12th graders

Students will grab some food (great menu), pick a prayer rock and hear a devotional that focuses on Jesus' journey to the cross. We ask that students bring \$3 each morning they attend for breakfast. Upperclassmen will drive underclassmen to SHS after and Youth Staff will bus middle school students to SFMS and MMS. Contact KorySnyder@mdumc.org for questions.

March 25–28
High School | 7 AM daily at the Refuge
7.8 | 7:45 AM daily at the Refuge

SPIRITUAL LIFE RETREAT

7-8th graders

Spiritual Life Retreat is a time to get away from the craziness of life and have fun with our faith community. We sleep over at a nearby camp and have multiple worship services and a small group breakout session. It's a great time to be out in nature and enjoy God's great creation! Contact LynellKennedy@mdumc.org

January 20–21 | Camp Cho Yeh

HIGH SCHOOL SPIRITUAL LIFE RETREAT

9-12th graders

Spiritual Life Retreat is a time to get away from the craziness of life and have fun with our faith community. We sleep over at a nearby camp and have multiple worship services and a small group breakout session. It's a great time to be out in nature and enjoy God's great creation! You can register for Spiritual Life in the new year – email CarolineStone@mdumc.org to be put on the email list for registration.

February 24–25 | Forest Glen Camp

YOUNG FAMILY CONNECT

Families and Young Adults in their 30s and 40s

You're invited to join together in a time of learning and fellowship. Each week we will have dinner together and then the kids will go to childcare at the Journey for a short lesson and playtime. The adult study time will be broken up into some teaching each week followed by small group discussion. Nursery care and activities for kids are provided at The Journey Worship Center.

Wednesdays starting January 17 | 5:30–7 PM

Dinner from 5:30–6:15 PM

Study from 6:15–7 PM

MDUMC West Campus | The Refuge

Contact CarrieNeal@mdumc.org

THREE STRANDS SUNDAY SCHOOL

Open class for families with young children to come together and study God's word and how it applies to daily life.

Sundays | 9:45 AM

MDUMC West Campus | Music & Arts Center, Ensemble Suite

FOUNDATIONS SUNDAY SCHOOL

We are a group of parents seeking to create a strong foundation of faith for our children. Through conversation, video lessons, and Bible study we grow our faith and support each other through life. We always welcome new participants.

Parents of Children of all ages (Toddlers to Teens)

Sundays | 9:30 AM | Main Campus | Room C201

Contact StacyStepler@mdumc.org



DR. MORGAN'S BIBLE STUDY

SENIOR PASTOR DR. MORGAN

The Gospel of Mark with Dr. Brad Morgan. Pastor Brad will teach a verse-by-verse study of the Gospel of Mark. He incorporates humor and stories along with sound biblical interpretation. Feel free to bring your Bible to this interactive Bible study. Dr. Morgan will be using the NRSV Bible. Everyone is welcome!

Wednesdays at 10 AM and 6:30 PM
January 17–March 6 (will not meet February 14)
Wesley Hall or via Zoom

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

This morning, all Sunday School classes (and those not in a class!) are invited to join Dr. Morgan in Wesley Hall for a presentation on Servant-Based Leadership: A Way We Can Canoe the Mountains. Dr. Morgan will utilize the book “Canoeing the Mountains: Christian Leadership in Uncharted Territory” by Tod Bolsinger and how we can embody a servant mentality as followers of Jesus.



Led by Dr. Brad Morgan
Sunday, January 14 | 9:30 and 11 AM
Wesley Hall or via Zoom

ACTS BIBLE STUDY

Join Pastor Michael this spring as we study the early stories of the church through the lens of the Book of Acts. It is a bridge of writing from the Gospels into the hands of Jews and Gentiles trying to make sense of Jesus' transformative message. Bring your own bible, a journal, and any food you'd like. Nursery and childcare provided. This study will pick up on Acts 16, where the fall study left off.



Led by Rev. Michael Jarboe
Wednesdays, January 17–March 20 | 7–8 PM
West Campus | Adult Ministry Center





EXPLORE GOD'S STORY

Explore God's Story (EGS) is a 90-day journey through the Bible, designed to immerse you in the unfolding story of God's love for us. Read at your own pace or join Pastor DeAndre and other MDUMC staff at noon on Wednesdays for a discussion on the week's readings. Register today and let's explore and learn together how God's story becomes our story.

Individuals are invited to dive deeper into The Word and join others in this Biblical Exploration of God's love. Study guide with readings, video summaries and group discussion guides available for use within your family, small groups and Sunday School classes. Visit mdumc.org/study to access the reading plan and find all of the online resources!



Led by Rev. R. DeAndre Johnson
Reading plan begins Sunday, January 7
Weekly discussions on Wednesdays, January 10–March 20 | 12–1 PM
Main Campus | Wesley Hall



TOGETHER + LOVE: MARRIAGE & RELATIONSHIP COURSE

Together + Love is a 6-week online course that aims to equip you with tools to build a healthy marriage and to strengthen the connection between you as a couple – or to restore that connection if you feel you’ve lost it. Meeting in the privacy of your own home, you will be enriched by video testimonials from a wide diversity of couples and be able to discuss your learnings directly with your partner (no group discussion). The course will be facilitated by Pastor DeAndre and his wife, Kelsey. Contact DeandreJohnson@mdumc.org for more information.

Led by Rev. R. DeAndre Johnson
 Thursdays, February 15–March 21 | 7 PM
 Main Campus | Wesley Hall

METHODISM 101

Have you ever wondered what exactly makes us distinctive as United Methodist Christians? What do we believe and why? How did we get started and where are we going? Curious to know what an annual conference is or does, how decisions are made, what bishops do, how money is spent? Bring a bag lunch or purchase lunch from the MDUMC Kitchen (\$7) and join Pastor DeAndre in this 3-week primer on all things United Methodist.



Led by Rev. R. DeAndre Johnson
 Wednesdays, April 3–17 | 12–1:30 PM
 Main Campus | Wesley Hall

ON PURPOSE: FINDING GOD'S VOICE IN YOUR PASSION

Are you searching for God's will in your life? When was the last time you listened to what God had to say? Most of us are looking for something beyond ourselves, something with lasting impact. On our search for meaning, we want to be more of who God created us to be. Join Dr. Betty Cartmell as she leads this study by Magrey R. Devega, Sam McGlothlin, Jevon Caldwell-Gross, Susan Robb

Wednesdays, January 17–February 7 | 6:15–7:15 PM
Main Campus | Room D206
Led by Dr. Betty Cartmell

SENSING GOD: LEARNING TO MEDITATE DURING LENT

Have you ever tried meditation? Are you eager to find time to reflect and be still with God? Lent is the perfect season to begin something new and revive your time with God. Life seems too busy to sit still, but time with God is paramount on our discipleship journey. This is a practical introduction to the ancient Christian Practice led by heartfulness expert Dr. Betty Cartmell. Class will utilize the book, "Sensing God: Learning to Meditate During Lent" by spiritual teacher Laurence Freeman.

Tuesdays, February 20–March 26 | 6:30–7:30 PM
Main Campus | Room D205
Led by Dr. Betty Cartmell

ART AS PRAYER

The world around us never slows down and it is sometimes hard to find a quiet space to center yourself in prayer with God. This Spring, MDUMC is offering an opportunity to do just that as we launch Art as Prayer. In Art as Prayer we will offer a quiet space with instructions on how to utilize art to create and grow in your relationship with God. A brief instruction session will begin each class but following the instruction each individual will be able to choose what art avenue they would like to use to create a quiet space to engage with God. Some examples of art instruction may include painting, drawing, coloring, Bible journaling, calligraphy, prayer beads, and finger labyrinths. No art experience is necessary. The process of creating a deeper connection with God will be the focus and not what the final product looks like. Please come join us! Contact KellyVicente@mdumc.org



Led by Kelly Cragg Vicente & Becky Bogart
Wednesdays at 9 AM starting January 17
Main Campus - Room D207

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT SEMINAR

Join us for a Marriage Enrichment Seminar featuring Rev. Leo Tyler and the transformative Birkman Method. This seminar aims to strengthen relationships, enhance communication, and deepen the bonds between couples. Through the Birkman Method's personalized assessments and Rev. Leo Tyler's expertise in interpersonal dynamics and conflict resolution, couples will gain valuable insights into their strengths, needs, and potential stress behaviors. This Marriage Enrichment Seminar holds the promise of transforming relationships and fostering personal growth. Please reach out to Kelly Cragg Vicente, Director of Life Events and Caring Ministries with any questions at KellyVicente@mdumc.org

Cost: \$150 per couple includes a continental breakfast, lunch, the Birkman assessment for two persons, and childcare if needed. Scholarships available. This seminar is sponsored in part by a grant from our Caring Forever Foundation.

Saturday, February 10 | 9 AM - 2 PM
Main Campus - Wesley Hall

STUDIES WITH VICKY HARRIS

January 11–February 15 (6 weeks)

Wrestling with Doubt: Finding Faith by Adam Hamilton

Wrestle with doubt and faith - belief and trust, not certainty; mystery rather than simple answers, in Adam Hamilton's new book.

March 21–May 2 (off March 28 for Holy Week)

Breaking the Code: Understanding the Book of Revelation by Bruce Metzger, updated by David deSilva

Although many Christians find the Book of Revelation to be full of great beauty and comfort, others find this part of the Bible bewildering. Study a trustworthy guide to this book.

Thursdays from 10–11:30 AM
Main Campus | Room D204

THE PROPHETS WITH GARLAND SMITH

The prophets are a somewhat diverse collection of literature some of which are at the heart of the messages of Jesus and the Apostle Paul. Come join us while we learn who the ancient prophets were, when they wrote, what was happening around them and what they were trying to tell us. There is no cost for the course, but materials will be provided.

Tuesdays, February 6–April 2 (not meeting on March 26) | 10 AM
Main Campus | Room D205

WOMEN IN THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

This four-week course is a Bible study that explores how the Gospel of John tells the story of four women. Two of the women appear only in John, while all four gospels tell of the other two. We will ask ourselves why the author tells these stories that way and what the author was trying to tell the original readers. The course will use video and classic artwork to illustrate the scripture. No outside materials are required, though a Bible would be helpful. Led by Stephen Kimmel.

Tuesdays, January 16–February 6 | 6:30–7:30 PM
Main Campus | Room D204



UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

United Women in Faith (UWF) is a supportive fellowship of women working and serving to create a world in which all women and children will thrive. Our mission is to empower women, care for children and the neglected, educate and equip youth, advocate for social justice issues, create economic opportunities and strengthen our neighborhoods. We raise money to support women's and children's ministries.

MDUWF has 5 small groups that meet weekly or monthly. They are Common Thread, Mission Stitchers, a new UWF Community Group, The Betty Landrum Reading Group, and the Footnotes Book Club. All the groups meet together once a month for the UWF Program Meetings.

1st Tuesday of the month | 10 AM
Main Campus | Wesley Hall

LIGHTEN UP

Lighten Up invites you to be a part of our weekly community. Each Tuesday starts with a delicious lunch followed by a short video teaching and great small group time. Our target audience used to be moms of youth, but we've grown to include many generations and want to invite everyone this year!

Led by Carrie Neal
Tuesdays starting January 23 | 12-1:30 PM
Cost (\$65) includes book and weekly lunch
Main Campus | Wesley Hall

MOMS TOGETHER

Moms with infants through elementary school are invited to join us for a time of fellowship and checking in. Coffee will be available and childcare is provided. Contact CarrieNeal@mdumc.org if you want to join or have any questions!



Led by Carrie Neal
Tuesdays from 9:15–10:15 AM
Main Campus | Room C201

WOMEN OF THE WORD

For the most part we are women who are 45+, but anyone is welcome to attend our Bible Study. For the first six weeks, we will be studying “The Names of God – His Character Revealed” by Melissa Spoelstra. From February 20–March 12th, we will be studying “The Faith of a Mockingbird” by Matt Rawle. April 2–May 14th we will study “Study of the Gospel of John” by Melissa Spolestra. Come join us as we study together!

Led by Ange Grout
Tuesdays from 6:30–8:30 PM
January 9–May 14 (not meeting March 19 or 26)
Main Campus | Room D200

WALK TO EMMAUS

The Walk to Emmaus is a spiritual renewal retreat designed to inspire, challenge, and equip adults for Christian action in their homes, churches, workplaces, and communities. Using the pilgrims’ encounter with the risen Christ on the road to Emmaus (Luke 24) as inspiration, this 3-day retreat is for all those who are seeking to renew a relationship with God, grow spiritually, and discover firmer foundations for their lives. Contact Pastor DeAndre to register or to sponsor a participant at DeandreJohnson@mdumc.org.

February 22–25 or April 25–28
Camp Lone Star - Pines Campus | Tomball, TX

MEN'S LIFE

Join the men of MDUMC for a weekly breakfast, study, and conversation. We meet for an hour beginning at 6:30 AM. Don't miss out on coffee, breakfast tacos, and community.



Led by Rev. Michael Jarboe
 Wednesdays | 6:30–7:30 AM
 West Campus | The Refuge

MEN OF ACTION

This group of men gathers weekly for breakfast, devotional, and an inspiring speaker. Contact MichaelJarboe@mdumc.org for more information. All are welcome!



Led by Rev. Michael Jarboe
 Tuesdays | 8–9 AM
 Main Campus | Wesley Hall

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February 15–18 or April 18–21
 Camp Lone Star - Pines Campus | Tomball, TX

SELAH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP

All are welcome at this weekly 30-minute worship service of stillness, scriptural reflection, prayer, and Holy Communion. We gather in the Prayer Chapel (enter through Wesley Hall or the East Entrance) for this opportunity to find peace in the midst of a busy week.



Led by Rev. Jenny Veres-Schrecengost
Wednesdays | 11:15 AM & 5:15 PM
Main Campus | Landrum Prayer Chapel

MEDITATION GROUPS

All are invited to experience this ongoing group whether curious, a beginning learner, or a longtime practitioner. There is ample time to practice meditation as prayer of the heart, to ask questions, and to gain knowledge about its history and current pertinence. Wednesdays' group is led by Dr. Betty Cartmell, labeled a "contemplative" by Rev. Cynthia Harvey and meditator for over ten years.

Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 PM
Main Campus | Room C201 (Mark Antley)

Thursdays, 1:30-2:30 PM
Main Campus | Room C201 (Dr. Betty Cartmell)

FREEFORM CONTEMPLATIVE WALKING A CONTEMPLATIVE NATURE WALK

In this one-time class, participants will learn about and experience the practice of Freeform Contemplative Walking. This is a practice of opening to the presence of the Holy Spirit while walking—ideally in nature. Participants will learn the scriptural and philosophical basis of the practice and then take a guided contemplative walk through the Edith Moore Nature Center. We will return to the library for a concluding reflection. This is an adult class. No prior experience with meditation or Labyrinth is required. Participants must be capable of steady walking on uneven nature trails. The class will begin and end in the library. We will walk across the parking lot and into the Edith Moore Nature Center. Participants are encouraged to wear good walking shoes/boots, short sleeves, but no hats. Bringing a journal is encouraged. Please bring your cell phone and headphones to hear from the instructor during the walk. The nature walk will be led by Mark Antley, Contemplative Practitioner & Facilitator, a member of MDUMC since 2022.

March 9 | 9–11 AM

March 16 | 1–3 PM

Edith Moore Nature Sanctuary

Gather in the Library on Main Campus

EPIPHANY LABYRINTH CELEBRATION

Journey with the Magi to the very presence of Immanuel as we celebrate Epiphany by walking the prayer labyrinth.

Saturday, January 6 | 1-3 PM
Main Campus | Wesley Hall

WORLD LABYRINTH DAY WORKSHOP

Every year, on the first Saturday in May thousands of people around the world participate in a moving meditation for world peace and celebration of the labyrinth experience. MDUMC will celebrate World Labyrinth Day by hosting a workshop and offering our community the opportunity to walk the prayer labyrinth for peace within and in the world.

Saturday, May 4 | 12 PM–2 PM
Main Campus | Wesley Hall

INTRODUCTION TO CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

The 6-week introductory course led by Pastor Jenny provides an opportunity to experience the practice of Christian Meditation in a small group, to learn about its origins, and to discover its relevance as a form of prayer for the contemporary world.



Led by Rev. Jenny Veres-Schrecengost
Thursdays from January 4 - February 8 | 1:30–2:30 PM
Main Campus | C202

WE ARE BELOVED: A LENTEN JOURNEY WITH PROTESTANT PRAYER BEADS

Though most people have heard that God “so loved the world,” few truly believe it. Author Kristen E. Vincent invites you on a journey of discovery this Lent through a series of devotional practices. This study will lead you to understand the humanity of Jesus and the divine truth of his love. Learn what it means to know you are beloved by God.

Our in-person introductory session will offer an overview of the background and usage of prayer beads in the Protestant church; and the opportunity to make your own set of Protestant Prayer Beads. The following 7 sessions will be hosted online. Join us as we explore scripture, kinesthetic prayer practices, and reflection in this holy season.

Sunday, February 11 | 4–6 PM | Main Campus | Wesley Hall
 Sunday, February 18 | 5–6 PM | Zoom

LOOKING AHEAD TO SUMMER IN CONTEMPLATIVE MINISTRY

Selah will continue through June and July. August will be a month of rest from Selah.

Slow Summer Nights in The Cloud of Unknowing

Join Pastor Jenny in reading Carmen Acevedo Butcher’s new, inviting translation of this contemplative classic and gathering for informal discussion at Slowpoke’s (where else?!) every Wednesday in June and July at 6:30 PM.



For more information about Contemplative Ministry at MDUMC, please contact Rev. Jenny Veres-Schrecengost at JenniferVS@mdumc.org.

SINGLES (50+)

The Singles in Action Ministry is a caring and supportive community of adults primarily 55 and up. Together this group provides the opportunity for Christian growth, fellowship, and service while affirming that all single adults are whole individuals and are important members of God's Holy Family. To find out more ways to learn and grow in your faith, join us Sunday mornings at 9:30 AM in room D202 for our Singles in Action Sunday School Class. Learn more at mdumc.org/singles.

Sundays | 9:30 AM
Main Campus | Room D202

COMMUNITY & SINGLES BIBLE STUDY

Our Community and Singles Bible Study is a mix of women and men, single and married, retired and still working, church members and non-church members alike. We come together to learn and talk about God's word. We will be using the LifeGuide Bible Studies curriculum. Our discussion tends to be insightful and engaging.

Wednesdays starting January 17 | 7:30 PM
Main Campus | Room D202
Cost will be for the price of study book.

EAGLE'S TRACE BIBLE STUDY

Do you live at Eagle's Trace? If so, join us Tuesdays at 11 AM in the Audubon Clubhouse for a weekly bible study. We will dive into the scripture reading from Sunday worship to get a deeper understanding of the message. Sharing in fruitful conversation, we discuss how the lessons from scripture impact our faith. If you are interested in learning more about this study, email DanyAttal@mdumc.org.

Led by Dany Attal
Tuesdays | 11 AM
Eagle's Trace | Audobon Clubhouse

JOY GROUP

Adults with Special Needs are invited to join the Joy Group for Bible study. The focus is on learning about God and having fun. We read and discuss lesson material, and then watch a video or perform a drama to reinforce the message. We conclude with a time of sharing “joys and concerns.” The class is held in D100 on the first and third Sundays of each month (except during the summer) from 3 to 4:15 PM. Rachael Walker and Paul Smith are the leaders. For more information, contact Rachael at RachaelWalker@mdumc.org.

First and third Sundays of each month | 3–4:15 PM
Main Campus | Room D100

GRAPEVINE SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

A place of learning and fellowship for high functioning young adults. High Functioning Young Adults with Special Needs.

Sundays | 11 AM
via Zoom

SUNSHINE SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

A place of learning and fellowship for older youth and adults with special needs.

Some Sundays | 9:30 AM
Main Campus | Room D101

For more information about the Special Needs Ministry at MDUMC, contact Rachael Walker, Special Needs Coordinator, at **RachaelWalker@mdumc.org**



Rachael Walker, Special Needs Coordinator

BRIDGEBUILDERS

Senior Adults

Sundays at 9:30 | Wesley Hall | Main Campus

We are a warm, caring, supportive group of Christians who share each other's burdens and celebrate each other's joys, all while studying to strengthen our faith and deepen our knowledge of God's word.

CONNECTIONS

Couples

Sundays at 9:30 | Adult Ministry Center Lobby | West Campus

The Connections class is designed for people who are or will soon be empty nesters. We are an open group for adults with College and High School students. We have a variety of topics and speakers, as well as mission and social opportunities.

DISCOVERY

Mostly Couples (Mid 50s-60s)

Sundays at 9:30 | D200 | Main Campus and via Zoom

Our class lessons use a discussion format and cover a variety of topics. We sponsor service projects throughout the year and have frequent adult social events.

FRIENDSHIP

Couples and Singles (60+)

Sundays at 9:30 | D100 | Main Campus

The Friendship Class utilizes lectures and discussions led by teachers from our class, congregation, and community to examine widely varying topics - the Bible, Methodism, history, modern issues, and the future - to encourage and enable healthy and productive lives. In addition, we have monthly social activities and fruitful outreach programs in order to bond inward and serve outward as responsible members of God's creation.

FOUNDATIONS

Families with Children

Sundays at 9:30 | C201 | Main Campus

Luke 6:48 states that a firm foundation cannot be shaken, and this group will focus on making sure the foundation in our own house stands firm. In Foundations, we will support one another and grow our own faith as we strive to pass our faith on to our children.

GENESIS

Singles & Couples (60+)

Sundays at 9:30 | D201 | Main Campus

Through prayer, study, lively weekly discussions, and fellowship, we seek to nurture our continued growth in the Spirit of Christ and to share our gifts through active participation in the life of the church and the community.

GOOD NEWS

Couples and Singles (65+)

Sundays at 11 | Wesley Hall, Main Campus and via Zoom

Varies class lessons including lecture and spirited discussions are taught by our members and outside teachers. Outreach includes Soupmobile, and MAM. Varied social activities are enjoyed also.

GRAPEVINE

High Functioning Young Adults with Special Needs

Sundays at 11 and via Zoom

A place of learning and fellowship for high functioning young adults.

PROBERS

Couples & Singles (Boomers & Seniors)

Sundays at 9:30 | D204 | Main Campus

We welcome visitors of all ages. We have a lively interest in the values of today's society as they relate to Christians. We host a variety of speakers. By probing into the hard questions, we foster lively discussion and offer our members an opportunity to grow theologically and scripturally. We actively support outreach programs of the church and enjoy many social activities.

ROOTS

Couples & Singles (60+)

Sundays at 9:30 | C200 | Main Campus

Our focus is on Bible study and family issues. We are a great support group for many of our ministry events, such as workcamps and Soupmobile.

SINGLES IN ACTION

Singles (50+)

Sundays at 9:30 | D202 | Main Campus

We are singles of all ages who are willing to admit our imperfections and are interested in growing spiritually toward perfection! We enjoy short-term studies presented in a discussion format by class members. This group is very welcoming and active in the Singles Ministry and in the general ministry of the church, especially missions and outreach.

SUNSHINE

Older Youth and Adults with Special Needs

Sundays at 9:30 | D101 | Main Campus

A place of learning and fellowship for older youth and adults with special needs.

THREE STRANDS

Families with Young Children

Sundays at 9:45 | Music and Arts Center, Ensemble Suite | West Campus

An open class for families with young children to come together and study God's word and how it applies to daily life.

UPPER ROOM

Couples & Singles (60+)

Sundays at 9:30 | D206 | Main Campus

Believing that Bible study is a "contact sport of the mind and heart," class members are responsible for leading the discussions each Sunday. One book of the Bible is studied in depth alternating between Old Testament and New Testament.



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