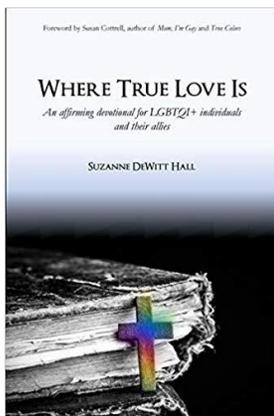


Small Group Offerings - Fall 2019

Sign up on the connection card or on sheets on front pew

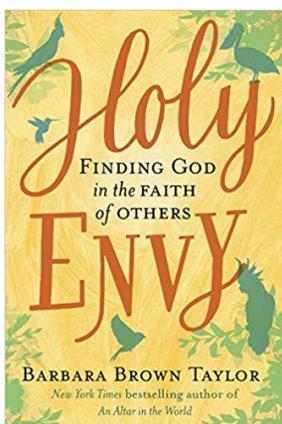


Where True Love Is: An Affirming Devotional for LGBTQI+ Individuals and Their Allies

Where True Love Is offers a 90-day Biblical exploration of God, scripture, the law, gender, sexuality, marriage, and more. After reading it, you'll be able to offer a Bible-based defense of the validity of LGBTQI+ Christian faith. More importantly, you'll encounter the gorgeous, loving complexity of a God who can't be stuffed into a book-sized box.

Facilitator: Meg Johnson

Day/Time: TBA

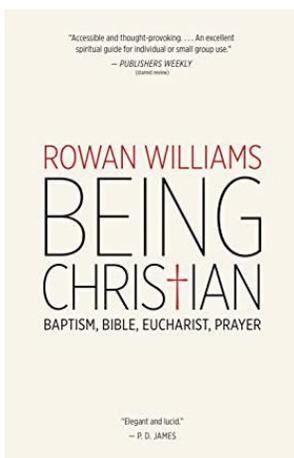


Holy Envy: Finding God in the Faith of Others

Taylor recounts her moving discoveries of finding the sacred in unexpected places while teaching the world's religions to undergraduates in rural Georgia, revealing how God delights in confounding our expectations. In *Holy Envy*, she contemplates the myriad ways other people and traditions encounter the Transcendent, both by digging deeper into those traditions herself and by seeing them through her students' eyes as she sets off with them on field trips to monasteries, temples, and mosques. Throughout *Holy Envy*, Taylor weaves together stories from the classroom with reflections on how her own spiritual journey has been complicated and renewed by connecting with people of other traditions—even those whose truths are quite different from hers. The one constant in her odyssey is the sense that God is the one calling her to disown her version of God—a change that ultimately enriches her faith in other human beings and in God.

Facilitator: Pastor Carrie

Day/Time: Sacred Space Gathering @ Panera Bread. Tuesdays 6pm



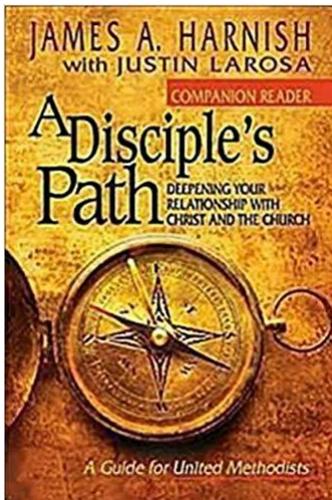
Being Christian

In this simple, beautifully written book Rowan Williams explores four essential components of the Christian life: baptism, Bible, Eucharist, and prayer. Despite huge differences in Christian thinking and practice both today and in past centuries, he says, these four basic elements have remained constant and indispensable for the majority of those who call themselves Christians.

In accessible, pastoral terms Williams discusses the meaning and practice of baptism, the Bible, the Eucharist, and prayer, inviting readers to really think through the Christian faith and how to live it out. Questions for reflection and discussion at the end of each chapter help readers to dig deeper and apply Williams's insights to their own lives.

Facilitator: Pastor Tom

Day/Time: Wednesday @ 9:45am



A Disciple's Path

Prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness...this is what we commit to when we become members of The United Methodist Church, and it's a big step. But *A Disciple's Path* helps us look beyond membership, presenting an engaging approach to discipleship from a distinctly Wesleyan perspective. Discipleship is ongoing, so the 6-week study is perfect for new-member groups, but also works well in small groups of long-time members. It helps you develop spiritual practices, discover your unique gifts, and engage in ministry that brings transformation to your own life and to the lives of others and the world. The Daily Workbook offers six weeks of daily readings (five per week), Scripture, a message for the day, and prompts for personal reflection.

Facilitator: Arelis Walters

Day/Time: Sundays @ 9:30am



If: Gathering

Equips women with gospel - centered conversation and community so that they may learn more about who God is and share in discipleship right where they are. Currently studying: *Grace and Grit: A Devotional for Mothers*.

Facilitator: Katie Gauntner

Day/Time: Wednesdays @ 5:30 (during kids choir, nursery provided)



Theology on Top

Join the guys for bible study with Pastor Tom on the upper level of Harris Teeter and then over to the Whiskey Warehouse for wings, drinks, and fellowship.

Facilitator: Pastor Tom

Day/Time: Mondays @ 7pm