

**Church-Wide Worship
and Book Study Series
Begins the Week of October 4**

Defying Gravity: Breaking Free from the Culture of More

Our possessions can create unbearable weight and affect our ability to serve and thrive. How do we defy gravity and find freedom? During the month of October, we will examine the generous life—what it is and why it can be hard to experience. Join us at Faith United as we gather in small groups and as a congregation to build relationships, experience community and explore living a more joyful, healthy, purposeful life.

How can we defy gravity and break free from the culture of more?

**Drive by the Church on Thursday September 24, 6–7pm or Sunday September 27, 1–3:00pm
to pick up your Defying Gravity book and World Communion Sunday Kit**

World Communion Sunday is October 4. We have prepared kits for you to pick up containing some special supplies so that we can engage in Communion as a congregation in a special way.

Get connected in one of the October Defying Gravity Groups!

Defying Gravity Groups will be taking place the following days and times via Zoom:

- Sundays at 9:45 am beginning October 4 – Facilitator: Kim Reynolds
- Sundays at 6:30 pm beginning October 4 – Facilitators: Mike and Sharon McConnell
- Sundays at 7:00 pm beginning October 4 – Facilitator: Mac McLaughlin
- Note: Join us for Worship by Wire on Sunday mornings!*
- Mondays at 10:00 am beginning October 5 – Facilitator: Michael Krigline
- Mondays at 6:30 pm beginning Oct. 12 – Facilitator: Ron Luikart
- Tuesdays at 9:30 am beginning October 6 – Facilitator: Joanne Fox
- Wednesdays at 6:30 pm beginning October 7 – Facilitators: Dan and Marci Griffith
- Wednesdays at 7:00 pm beginning October 7 – Facilitator: Susan Baker
- Note: Join us for Wednesday Night Live at 6:00 pm!*
- Thursdays at 10:00 am beginning October 8 – Facilitators: Pam Gable and Marty Largent
- Thursdays at 6:00 pm beginning October 8 – Facilitator: Tom Strauch
- Tues Oct.13, Wed Oct. 14, Tues Oct. 20, and Wed Oct. 21 at 10:00 am- Facilitator: Jan Baker

Can't find the group that will fit your schedule? Additional Groups can be added. Let us know your availability!



Get Connected at Faith United

Sign up for a Defying Gravity group by visiting our website myfaithunited.org, or Find Groups in Realm.

Suggested donation for the Defying Gravity book is \$11.

Contact Kim Reynolds (reykim53@gmail.com), Pam Gable (pgable50@gmail.com). or Kathy Schmucker (kschmucker@faithumchurch.org) for more information.

Fall 2020

Adult Groups



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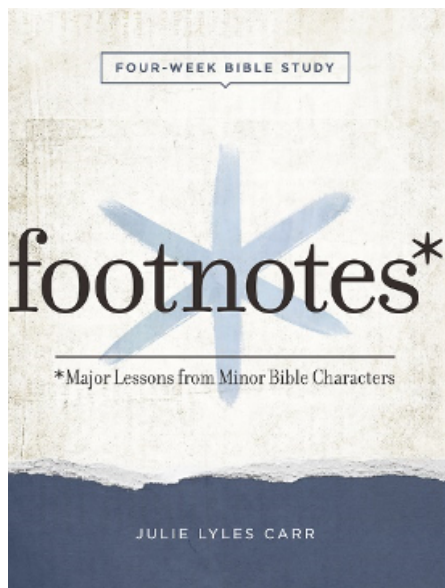
Faith United values small groups as a means of study, fellowship, support and service. We offer a wide variety of adult groups throughout the year from which to choose. Some are ongoing from year to year, others are short term meeting for 6-12 weeks. Faith United also provides devotional, Bible study, prayer and discipleship resources to support persons as they grow in faith. In a world significantly changed by COVID-19, adult groups will look different. Groups will be meeting by Zoom, phone calls, and limited outdoor gatherings. But Jesus' words in Matthew assure us that no matter where we gather to study God's word, we are not alone. "For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

Get Connected this fall! Listed below are the current Adult Groups that are beginning in September. Groups will be meeting via Zoom or outdoors. Please note that outdoor gatherings are limited to 10 persons. Visit Realm, then under Groups look for Find Groups for more detailed information and to join the group you are interested in! Contact the group facilitator or Kathy Schmucker,

Director of Spiritual Formation, at 330-224-6138 or kschmucker@faithumchurch.org for more information. Adult Groups continue to be added. If you don't see what you are looking for, contact Kathy Schmucker. Maybe you have an idea for a new group!



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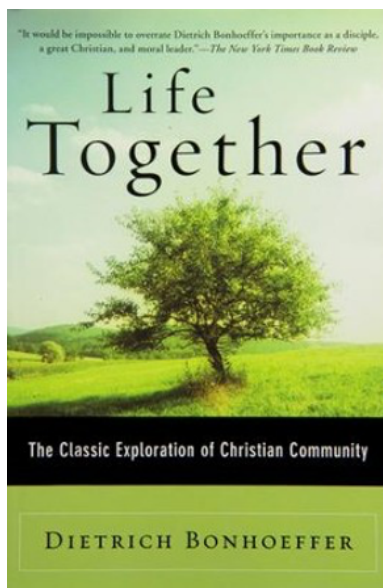
Wednesday Women's Study

Footnotes: Major Lessons from Minor Bible Characters

Wednesdays, 9:00 AM, Begins September 9th by Zoom

Facilitator: Linda Reynolds

Wednesday Morning Women's Bible Study Be inspired by the stories of minor biblical characters and the major lessons they teach us. We hear a lot about some of the "big" names in the Bible. Moses. Mary. Paul. But what about those who have a small mention, or whose names aren't even known? What might they have to teach us about the faith journey? Footnotes is a unique four-week study that introduces us to some people who are just a brief blip on the screen of the Bible timeline, just a footnote in biblical story, —people it would be easy to overlook but we shouldn't underestimate. As you journey through this four-week study, you will be inspired by the backstories of these people of faith who show us that even minor players can teach major lessons.



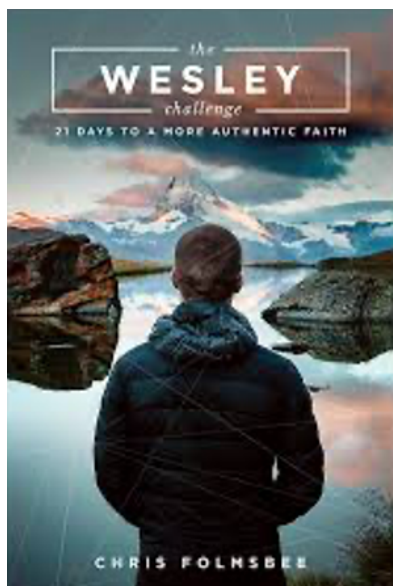
Sunday Morning Study

Life Together by Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Sundays, 9:30 AM, Begins September 13th by Zoom

Facilitator: Pastor Jake

"Martyred by the Gestapo near the end of World War II for plotting to assassinate Hitler, Dietrich Bonhoeffer left a legacy of writings that has become a prized testimony of faith and courage for Christians around the world. Life Together is Bonhoeffer's inspiring account of a unique fellowship in an underground seminary during the Nazi years in Germany." In this study we will begin by watching together a documentary of Bonhoeffer's life, and then will read a chapter each week from this classic exploration of Faith in Community and think about how Bonhoeffer's words about prayer, worship, work, and service are still meaningful and instructive today.



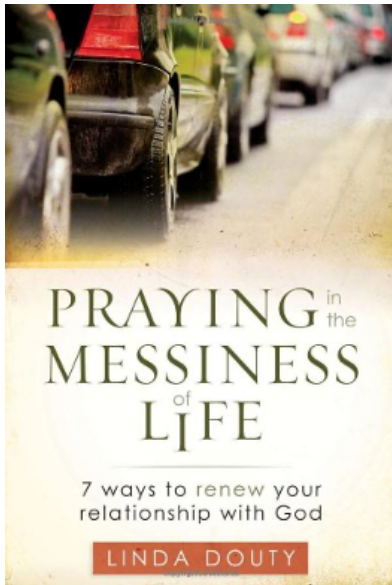
Sunday Morning Study

The Wesley Challenge by Chris Polnsbee

Sundays, 9:30 AM, Begins September 13th by Zoom

Facilitator: Kim Reynolds

Wesley who? The Wesley Challenge not only offers an introduction to our denomination's founder in a practical and accessible way, the series engages groups to work through twenty-one questions studied over three weeks to help renew passion and discover a deeper commitment to God and others—one that is more authentic, vulnerable, and soul-shaping. The Faith Meets Life Sunday School Class invites you to join us as we explore faith and life on Sunday mornings.



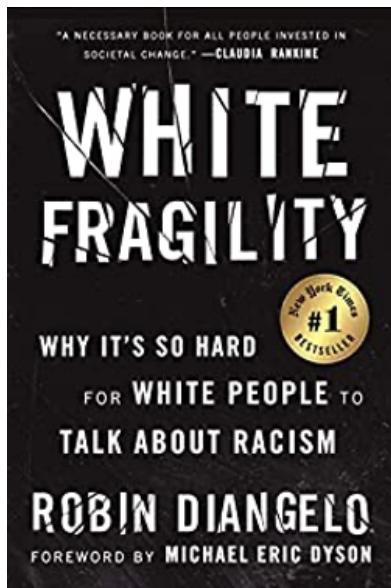
Wednesday Evening Study

Praying in the Messiness of Life by Linda Douty

Alternating Wednesdays, 6:30 PM, Begins September 9th

Facilitator: Kathy Schmucker

How can you find more time for prayer when life keeps you on the run? In *Praying in the Messiness of Life*, you will find encouragement to incorporate prayer into your daily life as it is, rather than trying to find more time to pray. Discovering fresh ideas for weaving prayer into each day will help you connect with God even in the messiness of life. You will feel closer to God and better able to cope with your circumstances.



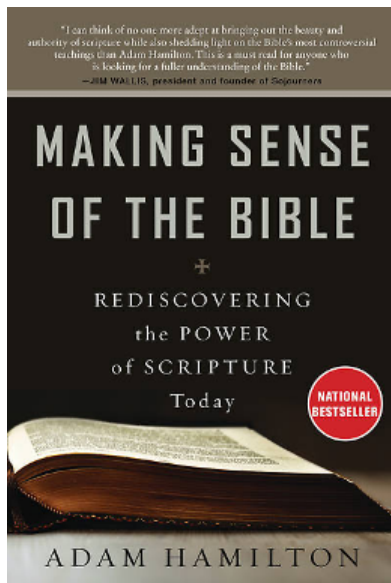
Wednesday Evening Study

White Fragility: Why It's So Hard For White People
to Talk About Racism

Wednesdays, 6:30 PM, Begins September 23rd by Zoom

Facilitator: Pastor Jake

Race and racism are now everyday conversations in the United States. Race comes up in political conversations, around the dinner table, and online. Disciples of Christ have a vested interest in anti-racism work as part of our discipleship journey. *White Fragility* by Robin DiAngelo, a consultant and trainer on issues of racial justice for more than twenty years, is a book written by and for white people. The book encourages a more deeply nuanced exploration of what it means to be white. This is an invitation to engage in a deep personal journey, in a space that invites reflection, pushback, and conversation.



Monday Evening Study

Making Sense of the Bible by Adam Hamilton

We will resume this study on:

Monday, 6:30 PM, September 14th by Zoom

Wednesday, 10:00 AM September 16th Outdoors

Facilitator: Ron Luikart

The world's bestselling, most-read, and most-loved book is also one of the most confusing. In *Making Sense of the Bible*, Adam Hamilton, one of the country's leading pastors and Christian authors, addresses the hot-button issues that plague the church and cultural debate, and answers many of the questions frequently asked by Christians and non-Christians alike. In approachable and inviting language, Hamilton addresses these often misunderstood biblical themes leading readers to a deeper appreciation of the Bible so that we might hear God speak through it and find its words to be life-changing and life-giving.



Thursday Afternoon Group

Prayer Shawl Group

Thursdays, 1:00 PM, Begins September 3rd Outdoors

Coordinator: Mike Flechtner

Prayer Shawls are the most heartfelt of gifts. They wrap, enfold, comfort, mother, hug, cover, shelter, beautify and give solace to our recipients. Our knitters and crocheters laugh, cry, love, and pray over the shawls while we make them. The official Prayer Shawl Ministry meeting is from 1-3 on the first Thursday of the month. Because we have so much fun, we meet the other three Thursdays to knit, crochet, and have fellowship. Please join us. We provide the hooks, needles, patterns and yarn. The Prayer Shawl Group will be meeting outdoors at the church and will be limited to 10 people.

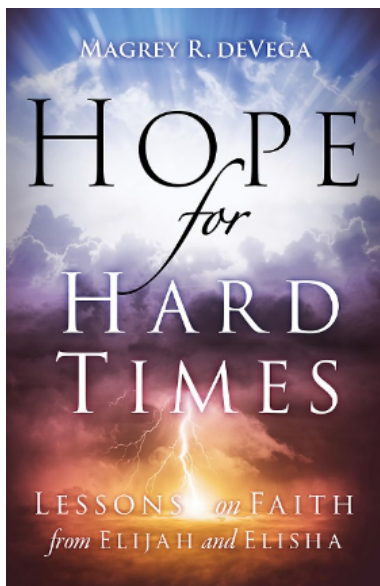


Friday Afternoon Study

Theology for our Times

Fridays, 3:00 PM, by Zoom

"...with the Bible in one hand and the newspaper in the other." This is how a 20th century theologian calls for followers of Jesus to discern and empower faithful living. Join this effort by engaging in a 'Theology for our Times' conversation to inform faithful living.



Tuesday Evening Group

Hope for Hard Times:

Lessons of Faith from Elijah and Elisha

Tuesdays, 6:30 PM, Begins October 6th by Zoom

Facilitator: Sue Bell & Sue Schillings

Open your eyes, and open your hands to find hope from God in hard times. There is hope for you in hard times. Your story of hurt, heartache, and hopelessness has been heard, and God has a message for you: don't give up, don't lose hope. God is with you and will give you everything you need. It's the same message God gave to Elijah when he was so alone he hid in a cave. And it's the same message he gave to Elisha when he was surrounded by his enemies. In Hope for Hard Times you'll discover how these two great, biblical prophets trusted God to find a way for them. Read these stories, pray, and listen as you receive encouragement and guidance for whatever you are facing today.



Pastor Jake Get To Know You Gatherings

Check the Website for the most up-to-date list of scheduled gatherings.

These one hour gatherings are designed for you and our new associate pastor to get to know one another. Pastor Jake will share an opening devotion and about his calling to be a pastor. Then he'll ask you how you came to Faith United and what your hopes are for the future of our church. Sign up on Realm!



Book Discussion

Thursday October 29th

7:00 PM by Zoom

Facilitator: Jan Baker & Judy McLaughlin

The Book Discussion Group will be reading Sue Monk Kidds' The Book of Longings and discuss it on Thursday, October 29 at 7 pm via Zoom. Contact Jan Baker or Judy McLaughlin for more information.