

# Fall 2020

# Adult Groups



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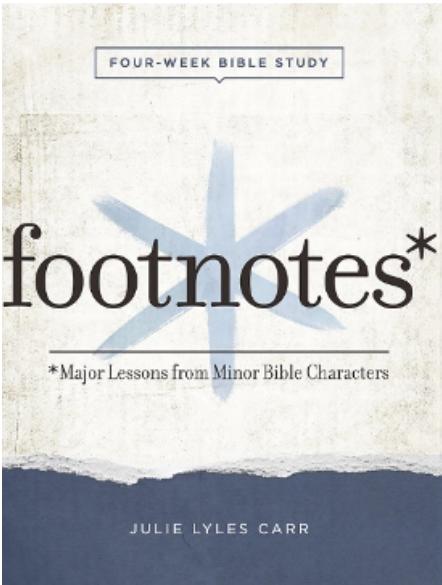
Faith United values small groups as a means of study, fellowship, support and service. We offer a wide variety of adult groups throughout the year from which to choose. Some are ongoing from year to year, others are short term meeting for 6-12 weeks. Faith United also provides devotional, Bible study, 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](mailto: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!



## Get Connected at Faith United

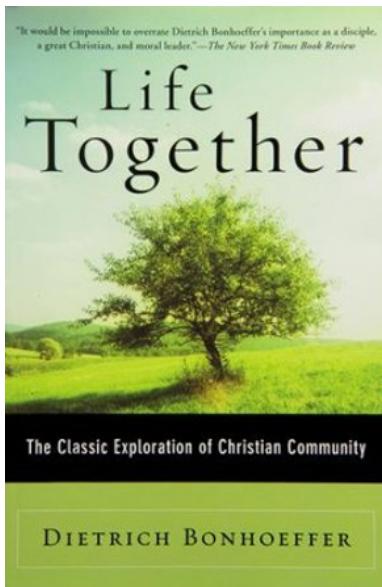
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## **Wednesday Women's Study**

**Footnotes: Major Lessons from Minor Bible Characters**  
Wednesdays, 9:00 AM, Begins September 9th by Zoom  
Facilitator: Linda Reynolds

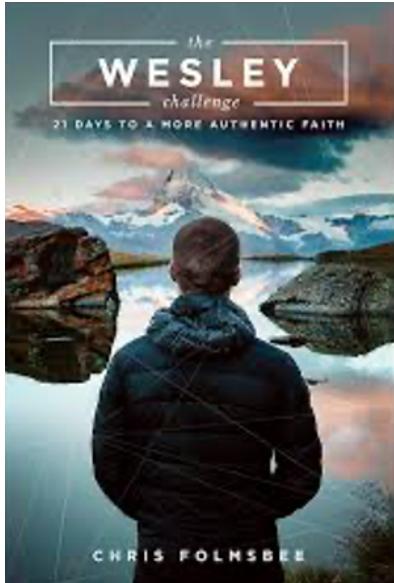
Wednesday Morning Women's Bible Study Be inspired by the stories of minor biblical characters and the major lessons they teach us. We hear a lot about some of the "big" names in the Bible. Moses. Mary. Paul. But what about those who have a small mention, or whose names aren't even known? What might they 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

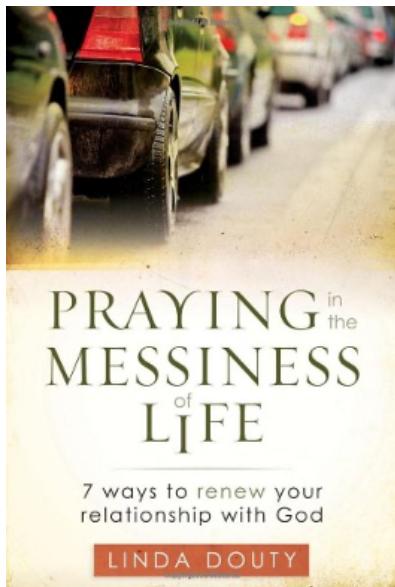
"Martyred by the Gestapo near the end of World War II for plotting to assassinate Hitler, Dietrich Bonhoeffer left a legacy of writings that has become a prized testimony of faith and courage for Christians around the world. Life Together is Bonhoeffer's inspiring account of a unique fellowship in an 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

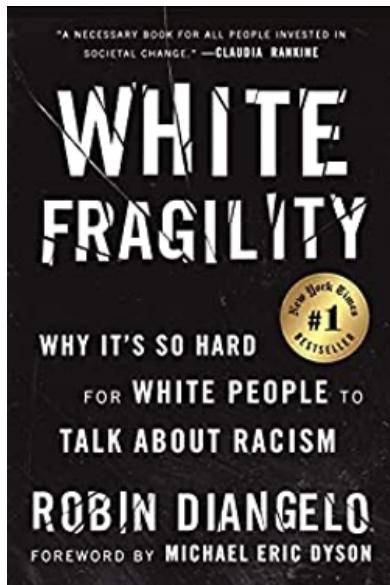
Wesley who? The Wesley Challenge not only offers an introduction to our denomination's founder in a practical and accessible way, the series engages groups to work through twenty-one questions studied over three weeks to help renew passion and discover a deeper commitment to God and others—one that is 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.



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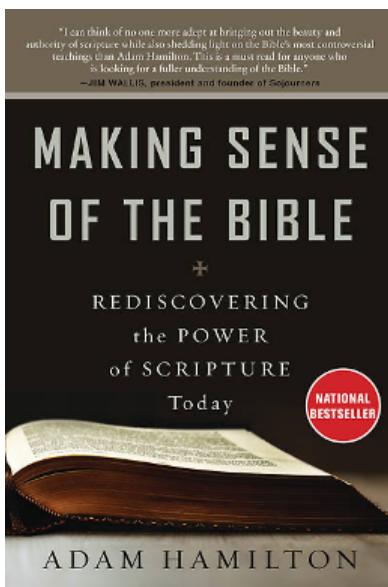
White Fragility: Why It's So Hard For White People to Talk About Racism  
Wednesdays, 6:30 PM, Begins September 23rd by Zoom  
Facilitator: Pastor Jake

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 Women's Group

Tuesdays, Evening, Sue Bell's Backyard

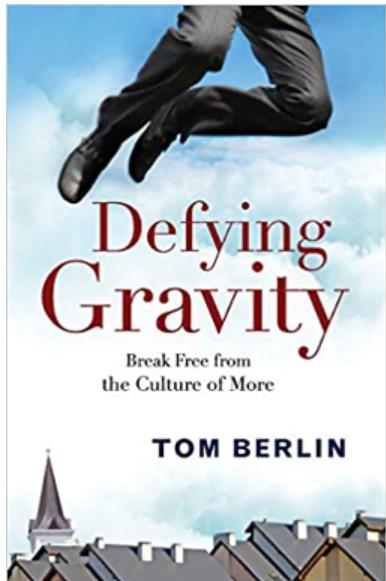
The Tuesday Evening Women's Group will begin fall with some social gatherings in Sue Bell's backyard. The groups will be limited so please RSVP to the group event in Realm that you'd like to attend. Look for information about the group's video study coming soon!

## **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 our church. Sign up on Realm!



## **Stewardship Study**

Defying Gravity by Tom Berlin  
Coming in October

This 4-week church wide study will have several options of times and formats for you to engage with. Keep checking for more information and together we can "break free from the Culture of More!"