

Winter 2012 Connecting Groups

Get connected.....it just might change your life

*****Sign-ups begin January 15th***
Groups launch the week of February 5th**

Call Church Office at 849-4625 for contact info and location details for any group in which you are interested

Tuesdays with Jimmy

Leader: Alan Roberts

Target Participants: all adults, focus on scripture

Meeting Time: Tuesday Nights, 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM

Meeting Location: Roberts' home

Study: The Book of James, using Max Lucado's Life Lessons: The Book of James

Approximate Cost: \$15/person maximum for study resources

James is a short but intriguing New Testament Epistle. It is less an evangelical account of Jesus than it is a practical guide to Christian charity, morality, and action. Martin Luther had little use for the book, but other scholars see it as incredibly relevant, particularly to our time. Even the identity of the author of James brings out strong debate! Each session will include fellowship (ice cream, including jimmy sprinkles!), study, and prayer. The group will also select an important mission or service activity.

Downhill Ski Group

Leader: Mike Ripp

Target Participants: skiers – folks with some weekdays free

Meeting time: per schedule of participants

Meeting location: Devil's Head or Cascade Mountain

Study material: lifts on blue boxes and up

Cost to members: ski tickets and suitable refreshments

Childcare: none

Mission: outreach to young skier wanna-bes

Calling All Married Couples -- Laugh your way to a better marriage!

Leader: Lynne Spielman

Target Participants: married couples

Meeting location: FPC

Meeting time: Every other Tuesday beginning Feb. 7th 6:30pm – 8:00pm

Study material: Laugh Your Way to a Better Marriage

Cost to memb: \$16

Mark Gungor gives hilarious, practical and straight-forward advice about relationships in the 12 week study. Learn and explore the underlying dynamics of male/female relationships. These life-changing marriage truths are related in a way that challenges, conflicts and confronts the harmful and destructive messages--from the secular world and churches--that have brought such devastation to marriages. Learn how to discuss and interact with each other to make real, positive changes in your marriage. If the group has a need for child care, it can be provided at the parents' expense. We may decide to take a break over the summer and resume in the fall. The leader will be Lynne Spielman, who has been the member of a small group focusing on marriage enrichment for 21 years.

TNT (Twenties 'n Thirties)

Group Leaders: Amanda Milbrath and Andy Schwei
Target Participants: Adults in their Twenties and Thirties
Meetings: Every Other Wednesday Night at 7:00 p.m., starting February 8th
Meeting Location: TBD (First Meeting will be at Amanda and Andy's place.)
Study Material: Instant Small Group by Mike Nappa
Cost: None
Childcare is not provided.

Fellowship and fun with other young adults is the focus of this group. Following our first organizational meeting/game night, we will meet at various public locations based on participants' interests. Each event will be preceded by a light bible study.

ZOO Parents

Leader: P.J. Monson
Target Participants: ZOO parents (meeting time is during ZOO meetings, but **all parents are welcome**)
Meeting time: Wednesdays 6:30pm – 8:00pm
Meeting location: FPC
Study material: TBD
Childcare: none
Brief description: This is group is designed for parents. The material will be chosen once the group has formed. Meetings will be held twice a month.

Fellowship

Group Leader: Lynda Bennin
Target Participants: Anyone looking to extend fellowship time
Meetings: Every Monday, 1:00-2:30pm
Meeting Location: FPC's Gathering Place
Study Material: Women of the Bible
Cost: none
Childcare is not provided

Our emphasis is on fellowship, prayer and devotional time. We will have study related to the women of the Bible with aide from DVD's for discussion. There will be no homework

Stay-at-Home Wives, Moms

Group Leader: Lisa Lerdahl and Wendy Vincent
Target Participants: Moms able to come during the day
Meetings: Every other Wednesday morning. 8:45am-10:15am
Meeting Location: Lisa Lerdahl's home
Study Material: What Happens When Women Say 'Yes' to God?
Cost: \$20

Coffee time starts at 8:45 am and we start the study section a bit after 9 am each time with the goal of finishing the DVD & discussion a bit after 10 am. We will be reading & following the DVD study by Lysa Terkeurst, 'What Happens When Women Say Yes to God - Experiencing Life in Extraordinary Ways'. Lysa is a very approachable & real woman who is part of the Proverbs 31 ministries. Each DVD segment is about 30 minutes in length, set in her home, and talks about everyday life, while pulling in biblical lessons and wonderful examples that really make sense. We will use the balance of the time to discuss the video & participant's guide material and close out with prayer requests. Plus once a month Lisa will also share ideas, shortcuts and favorite cooking secrets that may help us take the stress out of nightly meals, potlucks & meal planning. If you are also gifted in this area, you are welcome share too.

Working Women

Group Leader: Teresa Ripp
Target Participants: working women
Meetings: Every other Monday night at 7:00
Meeting Location: Olga Pringle's home
Study Material: Nooma DVD series by Rob Bell. There is no homework. Following the 10-15 minute DVD, we have a time of discussion. "These are short films, with communicators that really speak to us. Compact, portable and concise. Each Nooma touches on issues that we care about, that we want to talk about and it comes in a way that fits our world." For more information check out www.nooma.com to see chips of the study.
Cost: none
Childcare is not provided.

This study is for busy working women who want to be involved in a fun, social group, that also want serious bible study and open conversation about faith and life as a Christian.

Men's Sports Night

Group Leader: Tim Wright
Target Participants: Men who enjoy watching sports and are interested in a light Bible study
Meetings: Meetings will be held on a weeknight every other week and the night will vary depending on games/schedules

Meeting Location: Tim's home,
Study Material: Courageous, the movie
Cost: \$10 (optional if you want the study guide)
Childcare is not provided.

This will be a "men's night" meeting focusing on fellowship and Christian fathering. The first meeting we will be watching the movie *Courageous*. In subsequent meetings, we will gather to discuss the movie *Courageous* using a study guide then enjoy fellowship while watching college basketball. About the movie *Courageous*:

Four men, one calling: To serve and protect. As law enforcement officers, these men are confident and focused. Yet at the end of the day, they face a challenge that none of them are truly prepared to tackle: fatherhood. When tragedy hits home, these men are left wrestling with their hopes, their fears, their faith, and their fathering. Can a newfound urgency help these dads draw closer to God ... and to their children? Filled with action-packed police drama, viewers will find themselves laughing, crying, and cheering as they are challenged and inspired by everyday heroes who long to be the kinds of dads that make a lifelong impact on their children.

Working Women with Families

Leader: Kathryn Binau (850-4062)
Target Participants: Working women with families
Meeting time: every other Monday evening at 7:00 but we can be flexible if the group wants a different day/time
Meeting location: Binau house, 1411 Blue Ridge Trail, Waunakee
Cost to members: none
Study material: Nooma DVD series and other discussion items relevant to working women
Brief description: We are a fun, flexible group that enjoys discussing current relevant topics affecting our lives and how God is helping us manage the balance of faith, family and work. We meet every other week.

Movie Lovers

Group Leader: Christy Wright
Target Participants: Anyone who loves watching movies!
Meetings: Tuesdays, beginning Feb. 7th.
Meeting Location: Movie theater or Christy's home
Study Material: based on movie
Cost: There is no charge, other than the cost of the movie
Childcare is not provided.

This will be a fun group that will go to a movie together one Tuesday, then meet to discuss it the following Tuesday. We will meet two weeks in a row, take a week off, then meet two weeks in a row, etc. We will take themes or characters from the movie and compare them to themes, people, or stories from the Bible.