

GROUP NOTES

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20

Reminder

If your class elects a new president, please inform Pastor Madison and have them reach out with their name, email address, and expected term length.



Communications

Please announce the following to your class:

REMEMBER! → **New Giving Platform**

Please remember to transfer your giving to our new platform! Contact Heather Hanson with any questions: hhanson@arlingtonmethodist.org.

Take the Hand of a Confirmand

If you have not yet had the chance to "take the hand" of a confirmand - committing to pray and provide written encouragement over the next several months of their classes - those will be available to pick up this Sunday. Contact Betsy Spencer for any additional information: bspencer@arlingtonmethodist.org.

Tell Your Friends and Family about Grief Group

Remember that Grief Group takes place Tuesdays from 6-7 pm in Room 102 through November 26. It is open to all people, whether they are members of our church or not, so tell your loved ones who might need additional support.

Trunk or Treat and Musical Showcase Oct. 27

Mark your calendars for Trunk or Treat and don't forget to donate candy to the church office! Afterward, come and hear an amazing concert put on by our terrific music ministries. In this concert, you will see the Chancel choir, orchestra, UTA scholarship singers past and present, children's choir, youth choir, and organ. There will be an offering taken up as this is a fundraiser so that we can continue to develop and grow our music ministries at First UMC.

Pastor Madison Sunday School in November

In the month of November, Pastor Madison will be teaching a Bible Study during the Sunday School Hour, which will take place in the Great Hall. These lessons will focus on the historical context and composition of the books of Ezra, Nehemiah, Ruth, and Jonah, and will touch on the interrelated themes of identity and inclusion. Individuals or Sunday School classes are welcome to join! No worries if you cannot make every session - overviews and materials will be provided weekly.

Pre-Election and Post-Election Gatherings

Are you feeling discouraged or anxious about the upcoming election? We have a few opportunities to gather and pray. Join Pastor Madison on October 27th at 5 pm in the Banquet Room to discuss strategies to prep for Election Day and the results. And, we have tentative plans (lookout for confirmation/more information) to gather as a community after the election on November 7th at 6 pm in Vandergriff Chapel for a worship vigil.



Curriculum

Browse Studies on [Amplify](#) - Click [here](#) to set up an account

Click [here](#) to access contact list of teachers

Study and Opportunities for Domestic Violence Awareness

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Claire Reddig is one of our church members on the board of Hagar's Heart, a nonprofit dedicated to educating, empowering, and supporting survivors. She has organized opportunities for church groups to collect self-care items for women in shelters, and Pastor Madison has developed a four-session Bible Study to accompany this initiative. You can access the study and learn more by opening this [Google Drive folder](#) and/or contacting Claire: 405-361-9968.

Advent Studies on Amplify

Be sure to browse all of the wonderful Advent curriculum and studies available on Amplify. If you are having trouble finding something that works for your group, reach out to Pastor Madison for more recommendations.



Calendar

[Click here for link to full calendar](#)

Next Fellowship at First/Away We Go:

Monday, November 25 10:30 am - 2 pm

Join us for our next Away We Go trip to the George W. Bush Library. Invite your friends and family for a tour of the Library and lunch at Cafe 43, the restaurant on site. The cost is \$60, which includes admission, lunch, and roundtrip transportation.

Upcoming and Ongoing Studies:

[Untangling Faith w/Pastor Kay](#)

Tuesdays at 2 pm in Room 154; Zoom at 7 pm
10/1 - 11/5

[Ezra-Nehemiah, Esther and Jonah Study w/ Pastor Madison](#)

Sundays 10 -10:45 am in the Great Hall

[ThanksGIVING Retreat w/Dr. Mosser](#)

Saturday, November 16 9 am - 3pm