

# GROUP NOTES

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17

*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:

#### **Stewardship Campaign**

It is time to fill out your estimated giving cards for 2025! Remember to be in prayer and fill those out.

#### **Sabbath Service Nov. 22**

Cantor Monica O'Desky is planning an interfaith Shabbat service to host at our church the evening of Friday, November 22. Check our church calendar for more information.

#### **First Steps Nov. 24**

Please remind any visitors or newcomers you may know that we will have our next First Steps class at noon on Nov. 24 in the parlor. Lunch and childcare are provided with registration. This is a great opportunity for folks to learn more about our church and possibly join as members.

#### **Youth Cookie Walk Pre-Order**

Cookie Walk is December 7 & 8 from 9am to noon while supplies last. Enjoy the variety of the season without baking dozens of recipes! To pre-order cookies for yourself or for community members, school partnerships, or first responders, you can do so in the "sign ups" section of the church center app or here. -

<https://firstumcarlington.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/2563095>. For more information or if you'd like to contribute homemade cookies, contact Loni Fancher.

#### **Poinsettia Orders**

Beginning this week, a form will be available to place poinsettia orders. Look for more information in our worship guide, on our website, or contact the front office.

#### **Advent Box Pickups**

It's that time of year! Pickup an Advent Box filled with activities and devotionals for you and/or your family to work through. Boxes will be available beginning next Sunday.



# Curriculum /Resources

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

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

## Christmas Fun!

### The True Saint Nicholas: Why He Matters to Christmas

This book vividly captures the heart and life of someone who lived long ago—and yet whose life remains an inspiration for everyone to aspire to a higher order of generosity, giving, and devotion to others.

### Winter Fire: Christmas with G. K. Chesterton

Experience the warmth of Christmas through the winsome wit and wisdom of beloved writer G. K. Chesterton. This devotional—perfect for the Christmas season—includes selections of Chesterton’s writings, accompanied with commentary, Scripture readings, and reflections. Be encouraged by Chesterton’s insight, charmed by the Victorian-inspired artwork, and delighted by the traditional English recipes. Make Chesterton’s poetry, short stories, and essays a part of your Christmas tradition!

### The Gospel in Carols: An Advent Devotional

Rediscover your favorite Christmas hymns this Advent season with *Born a Child and Yet a King*, an Advent devotional from Nancy DeMoss Wolgemuth. Spend thirty-one days tracing the gospel through your favorite carols and discover anew the awe of this season. Each day’s reading will help guide your prayers, thoughts, and priorities so you may enjoy a deeper intimacy with Jesus Christ this Christmas!



# 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:

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

Sundays in Nov. 10 -10:45 am in the Great Hall

[The Christmas Letters Study w/Pastor Kay](#)

Tuesdays at 2 pm in Room 154

11/26 - 12/17

*Coming  
Soon*