

GROUP NOTES

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3

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:

TODAY

UMCOR Flood Buckets

If you are interested in packing flood buckets for storm relief, meet in the Great Hall from 3-4 pm today!

Stewardship Campaign

It is time to fill out your estimated giving cards for 2025! You should be receiving your stewardship guide in the mail, and you will continue to hear more as the month progresses!

Pastor Madison Sunday School in November

Each week this month, 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.

Nov. 7 Post-Election Worship Service

Are you looking for a way to ground yourself and connect with your faith amidst chaos of the presidential election next week? We will gather as a community on Thursday, November 7th at 6 pm in Vandergriff Chapel to pray, sing some hymns, and share Holy Communion.

Fabric Squares and Ornaments Needed!

Calling all my crafters out there! This year's Empty Mangers Retreat will include a quilting project. We are looking for folks who may have a stockpile of fabrics (holiday or nursery themed) to cut them into 5x5 squares and bring them to the church office by Thursday, Nov. 21. And, if you have some extra time on your hands, we would love to send participants home with fabric star ornaments. See the document in your folder or reach out to Pastor Madison for more instructions/details.



Curriculum

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

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

Names for the Messiah: And Advent Study w/Walter Brueggemann

In Isaiah 9:6, a divine utterance is given to us using four royal titles -Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, and Prince of Peace. This study ponders each title and how the people understood it then, how Jesus did or did not fulfill the title, and how Christians interpret Jesus as representative of that title. Christians have claimed from the beginning that Jesus was the Messiah foretold in the Old Testament. In this study, best-selling author Walter Brueggemann tackles the questions: "What were these expectations?" and "Did Jesus fulfill them?"

Starry Black Night: A Womanist Advent Devotional

Check out this free devotional, available to download in pdf format, written by black women who bring their life experiences to the biblical narratives of Advent and Christmas. Learn more about the intersection of faith and justice as it relates to the New Testament context, as well as our own.

Free Advent Resources from Kate Bowler

Kate Bowler, one of my very, VERY favorites, has a host of free Advent resources on her website. Check these out and see what might work for you and your group!

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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*