

# ADULT EDUCATION & SPIRITUAL FORMATION 2025 FALL OFFERINGS



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register!

Register today to attend one or more of our  
upcoming classes/groups.

Questions? Contact Pattye Hewitt at  
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NEW

## 'The Shared Table'

Kick-off Dinner - Sunday September 7  
5:00pm - 6:30pm - FUMC Conference Center

This ministry fosters friendship, food & faith through small gatherings of 6-10 people over meals—breakfast, lunch, dinner, coffee & desserts, BBQs, and more. Reflection resources will be provided.

Coordinated by Inviting & Welcoming Ministries and led by Chelsey Geeting, groups will form at the Kick-off Dinner to plan their own schedules and locations. \*If you can't attend, you'll be placed in a group after registering.

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## 'Transformation through the Enneagram'

Guest presenter: *Hunter Mobley*  
October 3, 6pm - 8pm & October 4, 9am-4pm  
FUMC Conference Center

The Enneagram helps us discern both our brokenness and our path toward healing. By understanding our Enneagram type (one of nine numbers, 1-9), we begin a lifelong journey of spiritual work to move beyond episodic meaning and inherited patterns of behavior to wholeness and transformation.

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## 'Sacred Stories ~ Guest Voices'

### A Different Sunday School Experience

Begins Sunday August 10 and continuing through May 2026  
9:45am - 10:45am ~ AB Room 118

This school year, we'll explore a wide variety of faith topics with a lineup of guest speakers and teachers every 4-6 weeks. Each session will bring something fresh—new voices, new insights, and meaningful conversations.

We'll begin our journey August 10-31 with: **"Behind the Music: Hymns and Praise Songs that Shape God's People"** led by Tré & Tracie Wharton and Kyle Johnston & Heather Peloquin. You will be led through an inspiring study on the stories behind the hymns and praise songs we sing in worship. You'll not only learn the history and meaning of each—you'll also get to experience them in real time, beautifully played on acoustic guitar by Tré and Kyle.

Come when you can, bring a friend, and enjoy a rich time of learning and growing. Registration is appreciated but not required. Use the QR code on top of page.

## BIBLE STUDIES

### Lunchtime Bible Study - Ongoing

Thursdays 12:00pm - 1:00pm

FUMC Campus - AB 117

Attend in-person or via Zoom

*\*Email Virginia Guffey for the Zoom link:  
[vguffey@firstmethodist.org](mailto:vguffey@firstmethodist.org).*

Join Rev. Brady Whitton to explore and discuss the scriptures that will guide the upcoming week's sermon.

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### Men's Coffee & Bible Study - Ongoing

Tuesdays 9:00am - 10:00am

FUMC Campus - AB 106

Attend in-person only

Led by Rev. Dr. Don Cottrill, Mike Steinkamp,, and John Hickey, participants look to the scriptures to grow their lives with God and with one another.

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### Women's Bible Study - Begins September 3

Wednesdays 6:30pm - 7:45pm

FUMC Campus - AB 113

Attend in-person or via Zoom

Childcare available upon request

Led by Colette Blanchard, participants study the Bible using various resources of trusted pastors, scholars and authors to experience more and more of God's love and grace.

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### Advanced New Testament Bible Study Meets weekly via Zoom September thru May

Wednesdays 5:00pm - 6:30pm

Begins September 3

Led by Gwen Redding, participants will look to the resource: *Christian Doctrine* by Shirley C. Guthrie, Jr., the scriptures and theological teaching videos to deepen their knowledge and experience of God.

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Matthew for Everyone



### Twenty-three weeks beginning September 3

Wednesdays 6:00pm - 7:30pm

FUMC Campus - Ory Parish Hall

Attend in-person or via Zoom

Knowing who Jesus is calls for study of and reflection on the four Gospels. Matthew invites us to learn and grow in the gospel message and the new way of life that results from it.

Led by Rev. Brady Whitton and Pattye Hewitt. Participant books are \$35.00.

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DISCIPLE 1

FAST TRACK

### Twenty-five weeks beginning September 3

Wednesdays 6:00pm - 7:30pm

FUMC Campus - AB 106

Attend in-person or via Zoom

Disciple 1 Bible study gives the Old and New Testaments equal time, emphasizing the wholeness of the Bible as a revelation of God. Personal Bible reading and study of each participant, and dynamic group discussion is the rhythm of this offering.

Co-led by Brooke Lambertson & Shan Schatzle. Participant study manual = \$40.00.

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DISCIPLE 2

FAST TRACK

### Twenty-five weeks beginning September 7

Sundays 5:00pm - 6:30pm

FUMC Campus - AB 106

Attend in-person or via Zoom

Disciple 2 Bible study offers a deep dive into Genesis/Exodus, Luke/Acts. Personal Bible reading and study of each participant, and dynamic group discussion is the rhythm of this offering.

Co-led by Anne Edwards & Deborah Guedry. Participant study manual = \$40.00.

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## SPIRITUAL FORMATION



### **Soul Circle - September thru May**

Sundays 5:00pm - 6:30pm

Led by Mary Byo

Wednesdays 5:30pm - 7:00pm

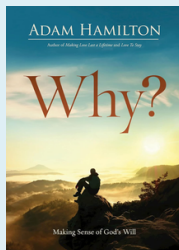
Led by Kristen Jacobs & Georgia Small

Location: Center for Spiritual Formation

Childcare available upon request

Each woman is invited to connect with God, herself, and others through contemplative spiritual practices and guided, deep-dive discussions. Each week's content is stand alone. Attend as your schedule allows!

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### **Why? Making Sense of God's Will**

**Four weeks: September 14 - October 5**

Sundays 5:00pm - 6:30pm

FUMC Campus - McKenzie Library

"Why?" is one of the most asked questions of the Christian life. Bestselling author and pastor Adam Hamilton explores how a loving, all-powerful God can allow suffering. Rejecting easy answers, he offers thoughtful insights into God's will and the presence of pain in our world. Led by Pattye Hewitt

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### **Renovaré Book Club**

**October 2025 thru April 2026**

2nd Friday of each month

12:00pm - 1:00pm

FUMC Campus - McKenzie Library

*"While a good book doesn't guarantee spiritual growth, God often uses the right book at the right time to spark life—especially when you read and pray and discuss in community."*

The Renovaré Book Club combines curated books, a guided path, and reading friends into a journey of renewal.

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Visit <https://renovare.org/bookclub> for more information. Co-led by Dr. Tasha Whitton and Margaret King.



### **'Growing With' by Kara Powell**

**Eight weeks beginning Sept. 7**

Sundays 5:00pm - 6:30pm

FUMC Campus AB 113

For any parent who longs for their kids to keep their roots even as they spread their wings, *Growing With* offers practical help and hope for the days--and years--ahead. If you are a parent of a recent high school graduate and/or high school senior, join us to gain useful tools that will guide you through the relationship changes that come with transitions in this season of life. Led by Shannon Hyde.

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# Adult Sunday School Classes 2025-2026

**At First United Methodist Church, Sunday School is foundational  
in making disciples of Jesus Christ**

For adults, there are eighteen classes in which to be a part of. We encourage you to visit as many as you would like and then settle into the one that is the best fit.

***Not sure where to begin?***

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at [phewitt@firstmethodist.org](mailto:phewitt@firstmethodist.org) or 225-383-4777 x255 to find out more.**

## **9:45 am - 10:45 am**

<b>Aldersgate</b>	AB 106	<b>Love God, Love People</b>	SB L06
<b>Colloquium</b>	CB 109	<b>Milestone</b>	AB 115
<b>Community</b>	SB L04	<b>Rings &amp; Ivy</b>	AB 117
<b>Covenant</b>	AB 111	<b>The Esthers</b> <i>(women)</i>	AB 113
<b>Encountering God</b>	AB 105	<b>Sisters in Spirit</b> <i>(women)</i>	AB 112
<b>Foundations</b>	SB L10	<b>Spiritual Formation</b>	Center for SF
<b>Good News</b>	CB Chapel	<b>Wesley Fellowship</b>	SB L02
<b>Journey</b>	CB Library	<b>Sacred Stories, Guest Voices</b>	AB 118

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## **11:00 am - 12:00 pm**

**America Street** CB 109

## **12:15 pm - 12:45 pm**

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**The Music and The Message** SB L04

For musicians & musically minded people, participants will reflect upon and share what the scripture, sermon and music of that morning's worship service brought to heart and mind.

**Legend** {

- AB - Adult Building*
- CB - Chapel Building*
- SB - Sanctuary Building (Lower Level - take stairs or elevator)*
- Center for SF - Historic white house on the northwest corner of the campus*