

Reel Conversations

Host: Janette Mathison

Location: Theaters

Day: varies

Time: varies

Material: none

Cost: varies

Gather together at nearby movie theaters to watch faith-based theatrical releases then meet afterwards to talk about the film's message and impact.



Ladies Lunch Bunch

Host: Sheryl Buss

Location: Local Restaurants

Day: 1st Tuesday

Time: 12:30pm

Material: none

Cost: varies

Women meeting for conversation and lunch together.

United Methodist Women (UMW)

Host: Julie Adams

Location: Green Room

Day: First Monday

Time: 7 pm

UMW is a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

Men's Coffee and Conversation (and maybe we'll talk about a book!)

Location: Eagan Panera

Day: Tuesday

Time: 6:45am

Material: book selection

Cost: varies

Men's group that gather for coffee and conversation about their current book selection. They have read more than 40 books.

Men About Christian Service (MACS)

Host: Ray Gleason

Location: Advent & Beyond!

Day: Fourth Tuesday

Time: 6:30pm

MACS is not only about discovering the Twin Cities best burgers. They also actively seeking ways to be of service to members of Advent and the greater community. MACS has participated in a variety of service activities.

Advent Retirees Connecting (ARC)

Host: Jerry Fenner

Location: Varies

Day: Varies

Time: Varies

The purpose of ARC is to provide a social, connectional opportunity for members/friends of Advent that are no longer working full time. This group will be seeking opportunities to connect with others for social contact, to discuss matters of mutual interest, to engage in activities with the new found free time and to be in service to others.

Helping Hands

Hosts: Cindy Yanchury/Cathi Stapf

Location: Emmaus Room

Day: Tuesdays

Time: 9:30-11am

Material: none

Cost: none

This Connect Group gathers on almost every Tuesday morning during the school year to prep projects for ADVENTure Kids and Faith Builders.

Upcoming Events:

Blessing of the Animals—Sunday, Oct. 8

Journey to Bethlehem—Saturday, Dec. 2



Life is better CONNECTED!

We encourage everyone at Advent to join one or more Connect Groups. Why?

Because we believe life is meant to be shared. God designed us to be in community with others.

Connect Groups are a great way to meet people, make friends, learn more about God and find real answers for life's questions. We have a group for you, no matter what stage of life you are in.

We have short and long-term Connect Groups meeting throughout the year. We offer many topics on a variety of days and times. We know that you will find a **Connect Group** to fit your busy schedule.

Our Fall semester starts the week of Sept. 10.

Don't miss out on getting connected.

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Disciple Bible Study (begins Sept. 13 – 12 weeks)



Host: Ann Girres **Location:** Emmaus Room
Day: Wednesday evenings **Time:** 7-8:30pm
Material: OT & NT Study Guides **Cost:** \$15 per study guide

Disciple Bible Study is the class for you if you want a study that will really impact your faith. Many Advent people who have taken this class in past years have described it as a transformational experience. Studying the Bible in order, from *Genesis to Revelation*, will help you understand the continuity between Old and New Testament. Christianity is, after all, rooted in the history and traditions of the Old Testament. Gaining insight into the Bible and deepening our faith are why we gather and this class will help you along that journey. But that's not all! A part of the deepest value is the time spent in community and fellowship that develops over the weeks of study--to the point that many were sad to see the class end!

Please note: You do not have to have ever even opened a Bible prior to taking this study. Really! We just want you to come and grow along with all of us who want to know more about this book that has shaped lives and the world. Give yourself the gift of this study!

The newly revised material means that the class meets for a total of 24 weeks—12 weeks studying the Old Testament and 12 weeks studying the New Testament. You do not have to take both in the same year – we plan to offer this study on a continuing basis. A 12-week study on the New Testament will start on Jan. 3.

Cost is \$15 for each of the two study guides (OT and NT), payable the first night of class.

Common Ground (begins Sept. 24 - 4 sessions)

Host: Bob Newman **Location:** Emmaus Room
Day: Sundays **Time:** 11:30am- 12:30pm
Material: provided **Cost:** None

Common Ground will meet on Sept. 24, Oct. 1, Oct. 15, and Oct. 22.

This is not just a new members class. Everyone is welcome to attend one or all of these sessions. Snacks and child care provided. Planned topics are:

Sept. 24—**Scripture** - All about the Bible, buying it and using it.

Oct. 1—**Tradition** - United Methodist Church history and sacraments.

Oct. 15—**Reason** - We're a thinking a people. Our founder, John Wesley, wanted us to be informed and reflective.

Oct. 22—**Experience** - Spiritual practices and how to connect, grow and serve here at Advent UMC.

You'll have an opportunity at the close of this session to transfer or make your membership to Advent UMC.

WOW! Women on Wednesdays

Host: Cindy Yanchury **Location:** Wesley Hall
Day: First Wednesday **Time:** 6:30-7:30pm
Material: none **Cost:** None

One hour, once a month, just for you! Please join us to make new connections and deepen your bond with existing friends.

Vital Conversations on Race, Culture & Justice (begins Sept. 28 – 8 weeks)



Host: Stephanie Clark **Location:** Wesley Hall
Day: Thursday evenings **Time:** 7-8:30pm
Material: none **Cost:** none

Conversations around race can be uncomfortable for most of us. The church is no exception. This study was created as a way to initiate “vital conversations” on issues related to faith, culture, and justice in the church today. Each session will begin with a video presentation followed by discussion. It is a great opportunity to continue the dialogue we began last winter and invite others to join in.

One Word, One Hour

Host: Vic Bresin **Location:** Dunn Brothers/Eagan
Day: Monday **Time:** 6:30pm
Material: none **Cost:** none

Men's group that meets for coffee and discussion around a chosen word.

Uncommon Knowledge



Many folks at Advent have unique skills or knowledge that are uncommon! Come join us to learn more about your fellow worshippers and the Uncommon Knowledge they possess. Each month will have a different topic. Meets second Monday.

Max Talks Tech

Host: Max Apple **Location:** Wesley Hall
Day: Oct. 9 **Time:** 7-8pm
Material: none **Cost:** none

In a world full of technology, things can get stressful, confusing and frustrating. Let's talk about what it's like to learn and use technology. **Disclaimer**

This is not a free troubleshooting service for your computer that hasn't been powered on in two years.



Family Music Fun

Host: Robin McGuire **Location:** Wesley Hall
Day: Nov. 13 **Time:** 7-8pm
Material: none **Cost:** None

You and your family are invited to join Robin McGuire for an hour of family music making and dancing! She will bring her autoharp and other music props for a really fun time! All ages welcome!

Wednesdays at 10

Host: Rory Swenson **Location:** Pastor's Office
Day: Wednesday **Time:** 10-11am
Material: Emailed to you **Cost:** none

This is a “come when you can” gathering that meets almost every Wednesday for one hour in Pastor Rory's office. We read the four “lectionary” scripture lessons for that week.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Host: Joan Konkle **Location:** Prayer Room
Day: First Thursday **Time:** 1-2:30pm
Material: none **Cost:** none

Individuals in this group create the Prayer Shawls. If you don't know how to knit or crochet, please don't let that stop you from coming we will teach you.