

Tuesdays at 10

Host: Rory Swenson

Location: Pastor's Office

Day: Tuesday

Time: 10-11am

Material: Emailed to you

Cost: none

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

United Methodist Women (UMW)

Host: Julie Adams

Location: Small Meeting Room

Day: First Monday

Time: 7 pm

Come and join us as we read scripture and do a program from the United Methodist Women Program Book. Learn more about our Mission focus and join us in fellowship. .

Serve

Red Cross Blood Drive

Location: Advent UMC

Day: Friday, Jan. 19

Time: 12:30-6:30pm

The Red Cross is the largest single supplier of blood and blood products in the United States. Be a part of this life-giving process, whether as a donor or a volunteer at our blood drive.

Feed My Starving Children Packing

Location: 990 Lone Oak Rd - #136

Day: Saturdays, Jan. 20 & April 21

Time: 4:30-6:30pm

Pack meals to be sent around the world to those most in the greatest need.

Simpson Shelter Meal

Location: downtown Minneapolis Simpson Shelter

Day: Saturday, Jan. 27

Time: 4-7pm

Help prepare and serve a meal to more than 100 homeless people.

Zone 56 Souper Bowl Sunday

Location: Advent UMC

Day: Sunday, Feb. 4

Donate to Souper Bowl of Caring, an event that empowers youth and unites communities around the time of the Big Game to help those in need.

Blanket Sunday

Location: Advent UMC

Day: Sunday, Feb. 11

Church World Service Blankets provide comfort in times of crisis. A \$10 donation provides one blanket.

UMCOR Sunday

Location: Advent UMC

Day: Sunday, March 11

100% of the gifts to UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) provide major support for immediate assistance in the wake of natural and human-caused disasters and helps support ongoing ministries of food, shelter, health and peace.

Undie Sunday

Location: Advent UMC

Day: Sunday, April 15

Donate new underwear for Simpson Shelter men and women.

Sheridan Story Packing

Location: Sheridan Story warehouse at 2723 Patton Road

Day: Sunday, April 29

Time: 1-3pm

Help pack weekend food bags to be distributed to area students in need.



ADVENT UMC EAGAN

CONNECT, GROW, SERVE

connect
groups

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 Winter semester starts in January 11.

Don't miss out on getting connected.

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Connect

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.

Essential Oils

Host: Melissa Gwost

Location: Wesley Hall

Day: February 12

Time: 7-8pm

Material: none

Cost: None

Learn about essential oils and how to use them for therapeutic benefits.



Medieval History & the Church

Host: Jeremy DeAngelo

Location: Wesley Hall

Day: March 12

Time: 7-8pm

Material: none

Cost: none

Jeremy DeAngelo is a professor of medieval literature at Carleton College. Join him for an introduction to the history, languages, and religious practices of the Middle Ages, a misunderstood period whose influence is still felt in the world, and in the Methodist Church, today.



Prayer Shawl Ministry

Host: Joan Konkle

Location: Prayer Room

Day: First Thursday

Time: 1-3:30pm

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.

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.

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

Day: Tuesday

Location: Eagan Panera

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.

Helping Hands

Hosts: Cathi Stapf

Location: Emmaus Room

Day: Tuesdays

Time: 9:30-11am

This Connect Group gathers most Tuesday mornings during the school year for prayer and service. The group works on prepping projects for ADVENTure Kids and Faith Builders.

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.

Grow

The Wesley Challenge by Chris Folmsbee

Host: Rev. Melba Lewis & Stephanie Clark

Location: Wesley Hall

Day: Thursdays Jan. 11, 18 & 25

Time: 7-8:30pm

Materials: Book

Cost: \$11

The Wesley Challenge spends three weeks working through 21 questions that will engage your physical, spiritual and emotional lives and your relationship with God and others. Also offered Sunday nights for Senior High and young adults. A limited number of books will be available for sale at Connection Point. Please read chapter 1 by January 11.



Renegade Gospel by Michael Slaughter

Host: Stephanie Clark

Location: Wesley Hall

Day: Thursdays Feb. 15-March 22

Time: 7-8:30pm

Materials: Buy the Book

Cost: varies

Who was Jesus, really? Wasn't the central figure to the Christian faith a man who denied all preconceived notions about what God should look like? Wouldn't associating with him have meant joining a rebel movement? Doesn't it still? *Renegade Gospel* is a church study that challenges believers to come to terms with the real Jesus—the rebel Jesus. Also offered Sunday nights for Senior High and young adults.



Common Ground: What Makes Us Methodist?

(begins Feb. 18 - 4 sessions)

Host: Bob Newman & Vic Bresin

Location: Emmaus Room

Day: Sundays

Time: 11:30am- 12:30pm

Common Ground sessions are held on four Sundays. **This is not just a new members class.** Everyone is welcome to attend any one or all of these sessions. Snacks and child care provided. Topics are:

Feb. 18 —So many Bibles, how do you choose?

Feb. 25 —Where do we come from?

March 11 —It's OK to ask questions. We don't check our brains at the door!

March 18—Spiritual practices: How to connect, grow and serve.

WOW! Women on Wednesdays

Host: Amy Kupinski

Location: Emmaus Room

Day: First Wednesday

Time: 6:30-7:30pm

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

One Word, One Hour

Host: Vic Bresin

Location: Dunn Brothers/Eagan

Day: Monday

Time: 6:30pm

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