

Sent - Delivering the Gift of Hope at Christmas

Host: Stephanie Clark

Location: Wesley Hall

Day: Wednesdays Nov. 28-Dec. 19

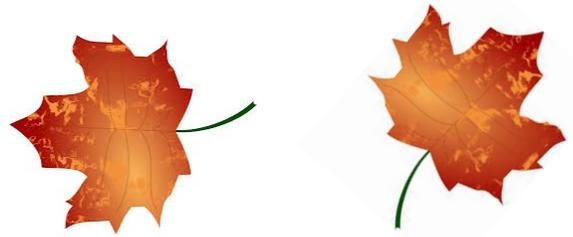
Time: 6:45-8pm

Materials: Book

Cost: \$10

God sent Christ into the world as our Savior. That's what Christmas is all about. In turn, Christ sends us into the world. But do we really understand how, where, and why we are sent? This 4-week, churchwide Advent study challenges us through story, art, and Bible study to discover what it means to be Christ's hands, feet, head, and heart. **Join us for dinner served at 6pm. Free will offering. Classes begin afterwards.**

This class will also be offered on Thursdays Nov. 29-Dec. 20 from 1-2:30pm.



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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.

Don't miss out on getting connected.

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One Word, One Hour

Host: Vic Bresin

Location: Dunn Bros/Eagan

Day: Monday

Time: 6:30pm

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

Pastor's Bible Study

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: 7pm

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

Simpson Shelter Meal

Location: Downtown Minneapolis Simpson Shelter

Day: Saturday, Sept. 29

Time: 4-7pm

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

Armful of Love

Location: Advent UMC

Day: Sunday, Nov. 11-25

Time: 9:30-11:30am

Advent's annual Armful of Love mission activity provides gifts and support for families in need during the holiday season through 360 Communities. Sign up start Nov. 11. Wrapped and tagged gifts MUST be returned by Sunday, Nov. 25, 11:30am.

Upcoming Events:

Blessing of the Animals—Sunday, Oct. 7

Bring your pets of any size to our Blessing of the Animals service being held outdoors at 12:30pm. Bring your animal in a carrier or on a leash. Photos of your pet(s) and or plush animals lovies are welcome. Bring your own chair!

Journey to Bethlehem—Saturday, Dec. 1

Join us as we explore the real meaning of Christmas. Wander through the bustling Bethlehem marketplace and discover what life was like when Jesus was born. Create and take home souvenirs from your trip.

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.

Easy Crockpot & Freezer Meals

Host: Karen Brisky **Location:** Wesley Hall
Day: Oct. 8 **Time:** 7-8pm
Material: tbd **Cost:** tbd

NEW!

It's quick and easy to make meals for the crock pot that can be frozen for a busy weeknight. Learn how to make your life simpler, and stock your freezer.

Developing a Growth Mindset in Your Child

Host: Stephanie Clark **Location:** Wesley Hall
Day: Nov. 12 **Time:** 7-8pm
Material: None **Cost:** None

NEW!

What is a growth mindset and how does it influence my child's behavior, motivation and achievement? Come and find out what you can do to encourage your child to seek out challenges and accept mistakes as learning opportunities.

Candlelight Yoga

Host: Jackie Underhill **Location:** Wesley Hall
Day: Tuesdays Sept. 25-Nov. 13 **Time:** 7-8pm
Materials: None **Cost:** Free will donation

NEW!

This 8-week class offers restorative yoga for all ages and all abilities. Participants should wear comfortable clothing and bring a yoga mat if you have one. Donations will go to a cause supported by Advent UMC.

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
Material: Book selection **Time:** 6:45am
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 seek ways to be of service to members of Advent and the greater community. MACS has participated in a variety of service activities.

Helping Hands

Host: 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 who 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 their new-found free time and to be in service to others.

Grow

Christianity's Family Tree

Host: Ann Girres **Location:** Wesley Hall
Day: Wednesdays Oct. 3-24, Nov. 7 & 14
Time: 6:45-8pm

NEW!

Materials: Book **Cost:** \$15

Adam Hamilton presents a welcoming, inspiring vision of eight Christian denominations and faith traditions. Comparing the Christian family to our own extended families, he contends that each denomination has a unique, valuable perspective to offer on the Christian faith. **Join us for dinner served at 6pm. Free will offering. Classes begin afterwards.**

Bible Basics

Host: April Corniea **Location:** Emmaus Room
Day: Wednesdays Oct. 3, 10, 24, Nov. 7 & 14
Time: 6:45-8PM

NEW!

Materials: Workbook provided **Cost:** \$5

Looking for some Bible basics? This is the place to start. **Join us for dinner served at 6pm. Free will offering. Classes begin afterwards.**

College Funding Gotcha's

& Building a Confident Retirement

Host: Kay Dietz **Location:** Wesley Hall
Time: 6:30-8pm **Day:** Thursday, Oct. 4
Cost: None

NEW!

Join us for a free educational workshop designed to help families better understand and navigate the complicated college funding process as well as the ever-changing world of financial and retirement planning. In this joint topical presentation, you will learn to help your child—and your checkbook—find the right college academically, socially and financially. In addition, basic financial planning and the discipline needed to build a “confident retirement” will be presented to help families better manage their personal finances and meet their long term goals. Chris Anderson, Chief Executive Officer of Generations Planning Partners and Cozy Wittman, Relationship & Education Executive for College Inside Track will present.

God UnBound Book Study (Update)

Host: Stephanie Clark
Location: tbd **Time:** 7-8:30pm
Day: Thursday, Nov. 15

NEW!

Materials: Book **Cost:** \$10

Rather than meeting weekly, we'll read the book on our own then meet on Thursday, Nov. 15 (location to be determined). Just as Paul led the Galatians through a radical cultural change to expand their view of God, themselves, and the church's mission, Christians are challenged to do the same today. Elaine Heath urges the church to boldly follow the Holy Spirit's leadership beyond buildings and programs to join what Jesus is doing in the world.