

*“As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another.” – Proverbs 27:17*

# **GROW** with others

**Bethany United Methodist Church**

*Connecting Groups*

*Catalog*

*Fall 2017*

# Want to join an Adult Group?

## The process is easier than ever... Just choose one of the following options!

### Online:

1. Go to [www.bethanyumchurch.org](http://www.bethanyumchurch.org) and click on Ministries: Adult
2. Read through the descriptions and choose the group or class that seem to best meet your needs
3. Contact the Director of Adult Ministries, Laura Gregg via email at [adult@bethanyumchurch.org](mailto:adult@bethanyumchurch.org) and request to be connected with the leader of that group or email the leader directly (see church directory for lists of email and phone numbers)
4. Get connected and join the group!

### In Service:

1. Look through this catalog and choose desired group(s).
  2. Attend "GROW with others" Kick Off Event (8/20/17, 9:40am) and sign up for groups in person
- OR*
3. Write "Please connect me with \_\_\_\_\_group" on your connection card and turn into offering plate. We will follow up with you.

## Connecting Groups – Fall 2017

Our connecting groups give us a chance to meet others where they are and give us the opportunity to develop relationships and, ultimately, disciples, much as Jesus did when he met the woman at the well or the fishermen on their boat. Many of our groups are open to the community and bringing a friend along is highly encouraged! While most meet at Bethany, some do meet out in the community.

### Is there a cost?

If there are class materials such as a book, each member is responsible to pay for their materials. The price listed in the description is for the current study, if applicable. If meeting offsite, each participant pays for their own food or fee. Additionally, some groups might offer optional childcare for a small fee. If you find the cost of any group to be prohibitive, please contact the small group leader with interest and express your concern.

### What about childcare?

Groups that have the green “K” icon offer childcare or are kid friendly groups. Your group leader will provide additional details prior to your first meeting.

### What do the icons mean?

We offer several groups that are specific to different needs. Look for the icons to locate these specific group types!



= Men's Groups



= CoEd Group



=Athletic Group



= Women's Groups



= Kid Friendly Groups (or childcare provided)



### **A Time for Prayer Team**



Contact: Donna Elmore

robbersons@aol.com

Meets on Monday nights, 6pm in rm 108

Open to all, our prayer warriors meet each Monday night to pray for specific requests and our congregation, community, nation, and world as a whole. Would love to pray, but can't make the time. Contact the office to be added to the prayer chain and pray from home.



## Griefshare



Leader: Elsie Biddle & Dennis Whitten

[grandelsie@aol.com](mailto:grandelsie@aol.com)

Meets Sundays, 6-8p in Annex, Rm. 302, beginning October 1

GriefShare is for people grieving the death of a family member or friend. This can be a confusing time when you feel isolated and have many questions about things you've never faced before. GriefShare groups meet weekly to help you face these challenges and move toward rebuilding your life. Each GriefShare session has three distinct elements: video seminar with experts, support group discussion with focus, personal study and reflection. You are welcome to begin attending the GriefShare group at any session. Each is "self-contained," so you do not have to attend in sequence. You will find encouragement and help whenever you begin. We also offer a "Surviving the Holidays" series through the months of November and December, recognizing the additional emotions and stress that arises during the holiday season. A optional donation of \$20 helps to cover the cost of workbooks.



## cAncer Sisters



Leader: Elsie Biddle & Patty Grasty

[grandelsie@aol.com](mailto:grandelsie@aol.com)

Meets on quarterly, Tuesday, 7pm. Rm. 108

For the past 10 years, the cANCER support group has helped both the ladies of Bethany as well as those in the community with their struggles in dealing with cancer and the resulting treatments. We are a caring and sharing group of sisters, united by our faith in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We believe in the power of God's healing love and we know that with certainty and without fear that God will heal us either here or in His kingdom. We share a time of collective as well as individual prayer, plus a devotion and time of fellowship at each meeting. We have helped a cANCER support group form in Alabama and provide for the needs of each other in between meetings, from comforting gifts to hospital visits.



## United Methodist Women



Leader: Karen Siegmann

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Meets 3rd Wednesdays at noon in Fellowship Hall

A celebrated ministry of The United Methodist Church, UMW is a supportive, inclusive Christian membership organization where women grow spiritually, develop as leaders, and serve and work to create a world in which all women, children and youth thrive. Bethany UMW organizes and runs the Spring Rummage Sale and Fall Bazaar to fundraise and give to various community and national missions. Each meeting involves lunch, fellowship, and lessons.



## Let's Do Lunch



Contact: Linda Infalvi

[infalvi@earthlink.net](mailto:infalvi@earthlink.net)

2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday each month

This group of all ages meets the second Thursday of each month at Bethany to carpool to a local eatery for lunch and fellowship.



## Financial Peace University



Leader: Brian Galliers, Bob Nothnagel, & Stephanie Hearn

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Will Meet Beginning in **JANUARY 2018**, on Thursday Evenings

We all need a plan for our money. *Financial Peace University* (FPU) is that plan! It teaches God's ways of handling money. Through video teaching, class discussions and interactive small group activities, FPU presents biblical, practical steps to get from where you are to where you've dreamed you could be. This plan will show you how to get rid of debt, manage your money, spend and save wisely, and much more! FPU classes are designed to meet for 2 hours for 9 weeks. Cost is \$93 per household with an additional cost for childcare if needed.



#thisismotherhood

## MOPS/MOMSnext



Coordinator: Laura Gregg

[gregg.laura.bumc@gmail.com](mailto:gregg.laura.bumc@gmail.com)

Meets in Fellowship Hall, 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 6:30-8pm

MOPS/MOMSnext is an international organization dedicated to mothers supporting each other and their spiritual and emotional needs. It is open to expectant mothers through moms of school age children. Centered around food, a lesson, fellowship, and a craft, each meeting allows moms recharge and share with one another while their children are engaged in Bible-based activities. Our theme this year is Free Indeed: Choosing freedom is a deeply spiritual act, one that our souls long for. That is why this year, we choose wild, unexpected freedom; the kind that brings more laughter and less worry, more contentment and less hustle. Freedom that is so contagious, the people around us are compelled toward their own liberation

<http://www.mops.org/groups/http--wwwmopsorg-groups-http--wwwmopsorg-groups-bethanyumchurch->



## Men's Basketball



Leader: Mark Clippinger

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Meets in FLC, 8:15pm Sundays, Oct-May

This group meets for an hour and a half of semi-competitive pick-up basketball and devotional time.



## Adventure Ministry



Leader: David Stephens

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Quarterly Outings

This group seeks to organize events that have a spirit of fun and adventure with the following two purposes: to invite our friends and family to a fun event to further connect with them in the hopes of helping them discover a personal faith relationship with Jesus Christ and to enhance our existing fellowship in Christ with other Bethany members. Examples of outings include: Tours of local museums, rafting, skiing, biking, etc.



## S.N.A.I.L.s

Leader: David Stephens

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Meets in FLC, 9-11am, Monday & Friday, November-April

Senior "Natural" Athletes with Injured Limbs (SNAILS) is open to any man who wants to have FUN while getting some good EXERCISE by playing hoops. We are mutually affirming and encouraging while playing shooting games and enjoying team competition. Wives often come out and walk together, in fact, anyone who is looking for a place to walk or exercise is also welcomed to make use of the FLC. We end our time together by praying for our families and others.





