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## **Bethany- A United Methodist Church**

*Small Groups*

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# Want to join an Adult Group?

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

### Online:

1. Go to [www.bethanychurchoh.org](http://www.bethanychurchoh.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 [ministry@bethanychurchoh.org](mailto:ministry@bethanychurchoh.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. Drop in anytime! Our Connecting groups and Sunday morning classes are meant to for you to stop by anytime. Classes are held throughout the church at 9:45a and Connecting groups post their meetings on the church website. Try out a few and see who's a good fit for you!
  2. Look through this catalog and choose desired group(s).
  3. Attend "GROW with others" Kick Off Event (8/19/18, 9:45am) and sign up for groups in person
- OR*
4. Write "Please connect me with \_\_\_\_\_group" on your connection card and turn into offering plate. We will follow up with you.

## Small Groups – Fall 2018

Meets at various times and places

Bethany also encourages participation in small groups and fellowship opportunities that meet at times other than Sunday mornings in homes, coffee shops, or at the church for fellowship, encouragement, worship, prayer, Bible study, and group ministry and outreach activities. You can email [ministry@bethanychurchoh.org](mailto:ministry@bethanychurchoh.org) to find out more and when new studies are beginning

### In Small Groups, we...

#### **Get Connected - Proverbs 27:17**

We believe that small groups are a great place to get connected to community! Through time together in a small group we believe that people will find a friendly and caring community of people from Bethany. There's nothing better than being a part of a community along the journey as we all go through life together.

#### **Grow Spiritually - Romans 12:1-18**

Regardless of the type of group someone participates in, we believe that small groups are a great place for people to grow spiritually. God develops us each spiritually in many different ways. Sometimes we grow through spending time with other believers. Sometimes through reading books together. Sometimes through putting our faith into practice by serving other people. No matter what group you're in, there's a next bold step through small group participation that gives you great opportunities to grow!

## Small Group Frequently Asked Questions

### What is a Small Group?

Small Groups are a place to connect, learn about God, and serve others. Most groups consist of around a dozen people. Many meet in members homes, but some meet back at the church and others meet in restaurants. They are places for relationships in Christ to develop and allow for accountability, all in an atmosphere of love. The goal of small groups should be to grow and ultimately multiply into other groups, creating disciples of Jesus along the way.

### Is there a cost?

If there are class materials such as a book, each member of the group is responsible to pay for their class materials. 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



= Co-Ed Groups



= Study Group (requires registration & costs)



= Women's Groups



= Kid Friendly Groups (or childcare provided)



## BETHANY DEVOTED



Leaders: John & Tracy Untener

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Meets every Thursday, 7pm, at the Untener's home

This small group meets at the home of John & Tracy Untener and is led by John. Children are welcome to come and play while the adults study. Bethany Devoted strives to love and care for each other, and help each other grow in their relationship with Jesus through study, mission, and accountability.

## Koinonia



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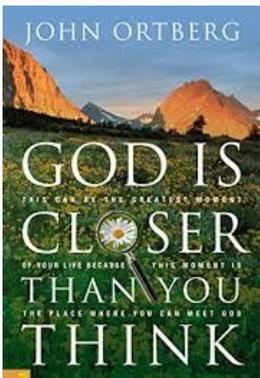
[bmason2783@fuse.net](mailto:bmason2783@fuse.net)

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

Meets 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7-8:30p at various members homes

Group of empty-nesters who gather to seek and experience a closer meaning of God in our lives and to apply it in our daily lives. We do Biblical and topical studies, fellowship with one another, provide prayer and personal support, and have fun through serving together through local missions.

We are about to begin John Ortberg's God is Closer Than You Think, a video series that will help us experience the intimacy we long for with God-and that He longs for with us.



## BUMS



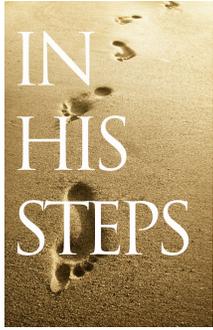
Leader: Donna Ferguson

[DonnaFerguson@cinci.rr.com](mailto:DonnaFerguson@cinci.rr.com)

Meets 2 Sunday evenings of month, at various members homes

We are "empty nesters" who meet for fellowship, Bible Study, and supportive prayer. BUMS provides care for one another when the need arises and supports various fundraisers and service projects. All are welcome any time!





## In His Steps



Leader: Scott McGregor

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Meets 2 Fridays a month in members' homes.

A gathering of parents and grandparents, retirees and those still working, this small group meets twice a month to eat, pray, and study the Lord's Word. We take turns leading the study and hosting the group. We are here to support each other through all that life throws our way!

## GIFT

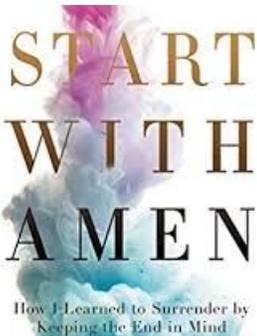


Leader: Jennifer Schwartzkopf

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Meet every other Monday night, 7:30 pm at various locations

We are a small group of women who enjoy spending time together on various studies, but more importantly we also have a substantial portion of time dedicated to sharing prayer requests and praise reports and praying for each other. Our next study is *Start with Amen*. Beth is a local woman who together with her husband run Back to Back ministries. Join with us as we learn to surrender more to God's plans for our lives.



## Men of Faith

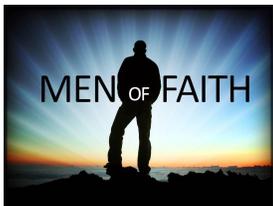


Leader: Dennis Whitten

[drwhitten@fuse.net](mailto:drwhitten@fuse.net)

Meets every Wednesday night in Annex, 7pm

This group of 5-8 men meets each week to study a variety of Christian lessons, both from Right Now Media and books, and participate in numerous service projects, such as providing meals for outreach events and building projects.





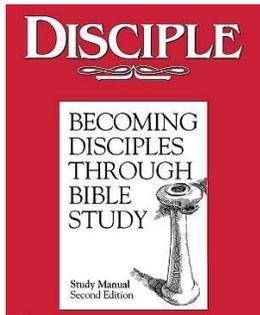
## Bethany Brotherhood



Leader: Brian Galliers  
[galliers4@yahoo.com](mailto:galliers4@yahoo.com)

Meets every other Monday at members homes, 7:30pm

Meeting every other week but with regular email communication, our group is made up of young to middle aged men seeking to be challenged and to grow as men of God through fellowship with other men. Our group lives by the verse in Proverbs 27:17, "As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another."



## DISCIPLE I- NEW TESTAMENT



Leader: Donna Ferguson  
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Meet every other Tuesday night, 7:00 pm

You've heard all those Bible stories, but how do they fit together? You intend to read your Bible regularly, but without the accountability of others, it just doesn't happen. In Disciple I, you learn the overall framework of the entire Bible and how the Old and New Testaments tie together. Class meets every other Tuesday, 7:00-9:15pm. This year will cover the New Testament in 18 lessons concluding the end of April.

Sign up deadline is August 19. DISCIPLE I OLD TESTAMENT is a prerequisite