

Small Groups

Various days & times

Small groups give opportunities for spiritual growth, learning, support and fellowship by providing a space for connections, mutual care, and growth within the larger church setting. Small groups focus on a particular topic, Bible study or common interest.

Contact:

Bonna Zimmerman, 383-2421

Groups offered for Fall, 2011:

Cinema Lovers

Meets bimonthly on Thursday evening, and is for those who love movies and discussion. Group discusses classic and current movies.

Gourmet Group

Meets monthly on Friday evening to explore local restaurants and prepare delicious meals.

Heartwarming Hats

Meets the first Monday of the month to make hats for cancer patients and premature babies. In addition to hats, the group has made mittens, scarves, baby blankets & booties.

M.U.G.S.

(Most Unusual Group Study)

Informal coffee and study gatherings held at various locations around town. Currently, one group meets at the Panera Bread Company at 2601 W. Lake Avenue on Tuesday mornings at 10:00 a.m.



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Music

Children's Choirs Sundays, during worship

Children are excused from the worship service at a designated time for choir rehearsal. They take part in the service an average of once a month.

Melody Makers
Ages 5-3rd Grade

Harmony Singers
4th-8th Grade

Handbell Choir Wednesdays, 5:30 p.m.

The handbell choir rehearses weekly and takes part in the worship service once a month. Open to adults or high school students.

Chancel Choir Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m.

Chancel choir is open to any adult or high school student. The choir rehearses weekly and participates in Sunday worship services. During summer months, rehearsals take place one hour prior to worship and choir takes part in services periodically.

Contemporary Music Ensembles

There are many musical performances outside of Chancel and Handbell Choirs, as this church maintains an exciting variety of musical worship. The Guitar Ensemble invites guitarists of every talent level to play inventive acoustic versions of hymns, folk music, and popular songs. Also, performances of contemporary music, using a variety of instrument and voice combinations, are organized on a regular basis.

Youth Group Sundays 12:00 p.m.

The **Youth Group** is open to students who are entering sixth grade through high school seniors. The youth gather for fellowship, fun, study and to learn how to put their faith into action. They regularly serve lunch at a local soup kitchen. Other projects include nursing home visits, work projects at the church, hosting missionary teams and fundraising for missions.

Leaders:
Doug & Pam Miller, 688-6095
Joe & Lisa Sexton, 692-1416

Supper Club Monthly get-togethers

Supper Club is an opportunity for twenty- and thirty-somethings to get together for some good food and great company. Meals may vary from an elegant sit-down dinner to an old-fashioned potluck, and may be combined with trips to the theater, the movies, or a sporting event. Childcare provided.

Contact: Mark Grizzard, 310-9927

PrimeTimers Quarterly meetings

PrimeTimers is the senior adult group of the church. Meetings are the first Tuesday of each quarter. Watch the church newsletter for announcements of events.

Contact: Pastor Garland Criswell,
689-7509

American Baptist Men 1st Saturday of the month 8:00 a.m.

American Baptist Men meet for breakfast and engage in work projects around the church and grounds on the first Saturday of each month.

Contact: Cliff Hopwood, 699-6950

American Baptist Women 2nd Saturday of the month 10:00 a.m.

American Baptist Women meet on the second Saturday of each month for a brunch and program. Smaller circle groups meet monthly for friendship and personal/spiritual development. Those circles are: Circle of Friends, Afternoon Literature, & Evening Contemporary Literature.

Contact: Carolyn Ihnken, 685-1388



Other Group Opportunities

At various times of the year, groups are formed for the purpose of discipleship training, new member orientation, worship enhancement, and to meet other specific needs. It is our intention to maintain an environment in which new groups may come into being and flourish. Information on newly forming groups will be found in the weekly bulletins and newsletters.