

Fall 2018



FORMATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR

Relationships and Faith

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INTRODUCTION

Discipleship. Holiness. Becoming like Jesus. For hundreds of years, people have seen Jesus and others who follow him live a life of joy, strength, passion, and love, and they've asked themselves: Could I have that, too? John Wesley called this Sanctification. It's the realization and acceptance that who we are now is not who we were created to be, and it's the process of accepting God's grace and being transformed by it to live differently.

Here at Princeton UMC we invite you to join us on that journey. In this booklet you will see many ways to dive into deeper relationship with God, with others in our community, and with yourself. It's not easy, nor is it quick. More often than not it's messy, difficult and sometimes downright frustrating. Over time, though, we notice the change. God's love is real to us. Our lives look and sound like those we looked up to, and we can't help but live and love differently.

There are many options in this booklet, and to make it easier we think a good start would be to:

- ◆ Be in a group where you invest in others (service opportunity, music ministry, etc.)
- ◆ Be in a group where you invest in yourself (Bible study, small group, etc.)

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact a Pastor or ask someone next to you in the pew – we'd love to join alongside you in the journey to being like Jesus. We're happy you're here!

Erik "Skitch" Matson
Discipleship Pastor

DISCIPLESHIP

SUNDAY MORNING

CONTEMPORARY ISSUES

Coordinator: Charles Phillips (609-799-5155)

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Time: Sunday mornings at 8:45, Sept 9 - June 9

Location: PUMC Library

This adult Sunday School focuses on understanding the issues of our world today in light of our faith, by choosing, reading and discussing books which the members of the class feel will be informative and will lead to in-depth discussions. Some examples of the books we have used are: Non Zero and The Evolution of God by Robert Wright, Scarcity by Eldar Shafir, The World's Religions by Houston Smith, The Language of God by Francis Collins, The Givenness of Things by Marilynne Robinson, and The Social Animal by David Brooks.

THE OPEN DOOR

Leaders: Pastor Gerri Fowler and Pastor Skitch Matson

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Time: Sundays at 8:45 am

Location: Fellowship Hall

For many years, the *Heart of Faith* class faithfully served as a discipleship ministry of Princeton UMC. As we head into the fall, we are transitioning this Sunday School option to *The Open Door*, a new offering with a new focus.

The Christian mystic Thomas Merton said that to understand who God is, we first must discover who we are. It's a bold claim. Who are you, and what gifts do you have? How do these shape your understanding of what it means to be a Christian in everyday life?

To better understand ourselves, and the God who has created us, we will spend the fall looking at *The Enneagram*, a tool that Christians across America are finding new life through. Using the book The Road Back to You (and podcast of the same name), we seek to find out more about our strengths and pitfalls, the God who created us, and what it means to be a Christian in our communities.

PHILIPPIANS

Coordinator: Bruce Henry

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Time: Sundays at 11:30am, Sept 23 – Dec 2

Location: Room 204

Using a study guide by N.T. Wright, this class blends a bible-based discussion with real life situations, using Paul's letter to the church in Philippi as a jumping board to discovering what Christian community looks like for us, today.

WEEKLY

MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY AND FELLOWSHIP

Leader: Rotates

Contact: Carter Cunningham

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Time: Mondays at 10:00 am, ongoing

Location: Church Library

Monday Morning Bible Study has been meeting on Monday mornings since 1975, to study the Bible and share joys and concerns through prayers. For the past several years the group has been using the yearly *Disciplines: A Book of Daily Devotions* by Upper Room Books, which fosters reading of the scripture, prayer, devotion, and spiritual growth on a daily basis.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY AND FELLOWSHIP

Leader: Lib Viloría (909-391-6988)

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Douglas Fullman (909-208-6090)

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Time: Tuesdays at 7:45 pm, September-June

Location: Church Library

Men of the church meet weekly to study the Bible and faith related issues or topics using study guides and assigned readings. The group is currently studying the 12 disciples of Jesus. Members share facilitating the discussions, with opening and closing prayers. This is an enabling group for fellowship and sharing.

MONTHLY

DISCOVER YOUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS

Leader: Pastor Jenny Smith Walz
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Discover how God has uniquely gifted you to do God's work in the world. Gain clarity about your purpose in the world, how your joy might meet the world's deep hunger. Discover the antidote for burnout. And learn how to (guiltlessly) say "yes" to *your* best ways to serve and "no" when the opportunities aren't quite right.

Choose from 2 options:

Option A

Time: Sundays, 11:45 am - 1:00 pm
Dates: September 30, October 14 and November 4
*It's best if you can attend all 3 sessions,
but you are welcome at any session.*
Location: Fellowship Hall

Option B

Time: An online workshop with an in-person or phone coaching session upon completion. Available any time from your computer or mobile device. Launching soon.

RELATIONSHIPS AND FAITH

Leader: Pastor Ginny Cetuk
gabby@princetonumc.org

Time: November 2018

This popular program, now in it's second year, invites participants to examine their faith in relationship to others who are like us and unlike us. We ask and answer the question, "What does my faith have to say to this relationship? What am I being called to do in light of it? And what does my faith have to say to the ways I relate to other parts of life in addition to my relationships with other people?" This year's program will start in November and will help us get ready for Advent and the celebration of the birth of Christ. More information will be coming soon. If you were part of the program last year, we hope you will join us again. If you were not, we hope you will join us this year. People who were involved reported that their lives had been changed through the encounters they had with other PUMC folks. We hope to see you there!

UNITED METHODIST MEN'S MONTHLY BREAKFAST

Leader: Charles Phillips, President (609-799-5155)
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Douglas Fullman, Secretary (908-208-6090)
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Time: 2nd Sunday of each Month at 8:00 am,
September-June

Location: Fellowship Hall

The United Methodist Men sponsor a breakfast for all church members and guests each month. Programs & speakers are featured. Topics include: faith journeys, religious history, theology and insight, current events, social needs and agencies, and other topics of current interest or societal issues.

CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

Leader: Beth Perrine (609-896-3536)
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Time: 2nd Tuesdays, every other month at 10:30 am

Dates: Sept. 11, Nov. 13, Feb. 12, and April 9
Christmas Luncheon Dec. 11, Summer Picnic June 11

Location: Fellowship Hall

PUMC Women's Circle, *Circle of Friends*, provides an opportunity for women to learn and grow spiritually through a variety of speaker topics, reach out and support others in our congregation and the United Methodist Communities, support missions, and develop fellowship with one another. Each meeting concludes with a BYO lunch.

MEDITATION AND MEDIA

Leader: Robin Birkel and others

Time: Sundays, 11:30 am - 1:00 pm

Dates: Monthly sessions, specific dates & location TBA

Whether you are just curious about social media and technology, need some help to get started, or already count yourself an expert, come discover (or share) some of the "how-to's" and techniques about the following topics, while also learning how to enter into each of these areas as a spiritual practice and prayer.

- ◆ Smartphone Videography (October)
- ◆ Social Media (November)
- ◆ Smartphone Photography (December)
- ◆ Wordpress (January)
- ◆ Blogging (February)
- ◆ Photo Club (March-June)

“OUTSIDE THE LINES” ALL CHURCH RETREAT

Coordinator: Pastor Gerri Fowler
gerri@princetonumc.org

Date & Location: TBA

Come away for a bit with others from PUMC to color “outside the lines”. Watch for more information soon!

MISSIONS & OUTREACH

CORNERSTONE COMMUNITY KITCHEN

Leader: Larry Apperson
Time: Wednesdays at 5:00 pm
Location: Fellowship Hall

This program, in its 6th year, feeds the greater Princeton community a nutritious meal every Wednesday evening. Volunteers are needed for a variety of duties related to set up, serving and cleanup each Wednesday. Visit our website: www.princetoncornerstone.org

CORNERSTONE CLOTHING CLOSET

Leader: Judy Miller

The Clothing Closet receives donations of clothing and household goods that are offered to the greater Princeton community at no cost. Volunteers are needed to help receive, sort and organize items received.

PUERTO RICO MISSION TRIP

Leader: Pastor Ginny Cetuk
Time: October 6-13, 2018

Sponsored by PUMC in partnership with the Greater New Jersey Annual Conference, a mission team will travel to Puerto Rico from October 6 to 13, 2018, to help rebuild houses and community. Prayers are requested for the team going and for the people of Puerto Rico. Donations to support the purchase of tools to be used by the team are welcome. Checks may be made out to PUMC, memo "Puerto Rico."

MISSION RESPONDERS

Leader: Norm Cetuk and others

A responder team will form as needs arise in the future. This team will respond to natural disasters in the Greater New Jersey area. Basic training will be given to those participating.

HOMEFRONT FAMILY PRESERVATION CENTER

Leader: LaVerna Albury
Time: various
Location: HomeFront campus, Ewing, NJ

Members of PUMC travel to the Homefront Family Preservation Center to prepare a hot breakfast for residents on scheduled Saturdays.

FAITH IN ACTION

Leader: Pastor Ginny Cetuk

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This new group will be made of up persons gathering as needed to make phone calls to elected representatives, write letters to raise consciousness about social problems and needs; attend demonstrations about social issues; and raise awareness in the congregation about pressing social problems and issues of the day. The meetings of the group will include spiritual reflection as well as direct actions so that participants not only serve others but continue to grow spiritually as Disciples of Christ.

SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGERS

Leader: Dana Driebelbis

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Time: 3rd week in December

Location: various locations in Princeton

Volunteers gather during December to ring the Salvation Army Bell and raise donations for its various ministries at assigned locations in Princeton.

WELCOMING WINDOWS

Leader: Barbara Fox

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Time: Fridays 12-2pm or Sundays 12-2pm

Are you called to help passersby be blessed by coming through our doors? Welcome and interact with visitors at your choice of time . You will join the Tiffany Task Force but, thanks to self-guided tour materials, you need not be schooled in church history or stained-glass window lore. You need only a warm smile and a genuine interest in people.

PRAYER IN THE CHAPEL

Leader: Rev. Gerri Fowler

gerri@princetonumc.org

Time: Mondays, 11:30 am -noon

Location: PUMC Chapel

This time of prayer is presently focusing upon the immigrant children and parents who are separated from one another. It is open to everyone and also to guests from the community.

SERVING & STRENGTHENING OUR PUMC COMMUNITY

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE YOUR CHURCH

God has given us many gifts and many jobs to do in the Body of Christ. Within PUMC there are many ways to get involved and to engage in ministry as our response to God's love and grace in our lives. The following list contains ministries in need of volunteers. Please check the ones you are called to. Yes, called to! God wants YOU to be involved in your church!!! If you have an idea for a ministry you'd like to start, let us know by filling in the "other" line. Let us know what you want to be involved in by emailing our office manager Debbie Blok at office@princetonumc.org. Someone will get back to you with more information about your choice(s).

- Sunday morning Usher
- Sunday morning Greeter
- Read Scripture in worship
- Liturgist (assist in leading our Sunday morning service)
- Altar Guild (design and decorate the altar and chancel space for worship)
- Altar Flower Coordinator
- Acolytes for worship
- Projectionist in worship
- Sound Tech for worship
- Facebook or YouTube Live Streaming during worship
- Soloists for Worship (vocal or instrumental)
- Occasional Special Music ensembles (vocal or instrumental)
- Coffee Hour Host
- Church Mice (tidy up the sanctuary after worship services)
- Offering Money Counters
- Special Arts Projects
- Property Care and Repair
- Bulletins - assist with folding & setting up the Sanctuary for worship

- Prepare church-wide or special mailings
- Office Volunteer (answer phone and greet visitors during officer manager's vacation)
- Phone-a-thon Volunteer
- Data Entry
- IT Support
- File and record organization
- Video recording and editing
- Photography
- Blogging
- Facebook administration team
- Youth Staff
- Small Group Leadership
- College Care Packages
- Feed Truck Cafe Baristas
- Nursery Volunteers
- Sunday School Classroom Helpers
- Sunday School Intergenerational Quilting Project
- Prayer Shawl Ministry
- Church Leadership (serve on ministry teams & committees)
- Meal Ministry
- Transportation Ministry
- Visitation Ministry
- Congregational Care Ministry
- Stained Glass Window Tour Guides

Other ways you'd like to serve _____

MUSIC

CHILDREN & YOUTH CHOIRS

Leader: Tom Shelton

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Time: 3-4 yrs. during Sunday School, twice a month
K-1st grade, Wednesdays at 4:30 pm
2nd-5th grades, Wednesday at 5:30 pm
Youth in 6th -12th grade, Sundays at 5:00 pm

Location: Music Room

Choirs rehearse once a week and sing during Worship once a month. Special services are held with combined choirs at Christmas and Easter, and the choirs present an Advent Pageant and Spring Musical. All area children & youth are welcome.

CHANCEL CHOIR

Leader: Hyosang Park

hyosang@princetonumc.org

Time: Wednesdays, 7:30-9:00 pm

Location: Music Room

The chancel choir welcomes those who love to sing the songs of our faith. This choir sings a wide repertoire of music and leads the congregation in worship weekly.

HANDBELL CHOIR

Leader: Hyosang Park

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Time: Sundays following Worship

Location: Music Room

PUMC Ringers welcome musicians and speedy learning non-musicians to play weekly with our choir. The choir performs during worship once a month.

ENSEMBLE

Leader: Hyosang Park

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Time: flexible rehearsals based on members availabilities

Location: Music Room

Do you play an instrument and love to sing, but cannot commit to weekly rehearsals? Ensemble was designed just for you! Bring your flair for music from country to contemporary gospel.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Leader: Lorie Roth

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Supervisor: Phoebe Quaynor, Director of Christian Education

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Time: during Worship, following Children's Time

Location: PUMC classrooms

Formation, not mere information, is the heart of our Sunday School system. Our curriculum, the caring relationships between children and teachers, and the various ways in which the children participate in worship collectively works to help both teachers and children encounter God and interact more fully with themselves and others. The reciprocal learning that happens between the adult teachers and the children makes the Sunday School classroom one of the many "happening" places here at PUMC.

YOUTH GROUP

Leaders: Jacob Davis and Pearl Quick

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Supervisor: Pastor Skitch Matson

skitch@princetonumc.org

Time: Sunday evenings

High School Youth Group 5pm – 6:30pm

Middle School Youth Group 6pm – 8pm

Youth Dinner 6pm – 6:30pm

Location: PUMC Youth Room & Fellowship Hall

Want to provide a meal?

Contact: Michael Ashworth mjashworth@gmail.com

Our goal is to create a safe environment where students can encounter God and one another in transformative ways. From sharing meals to diving into the Bible, and playing games to wrestling with the faith in small groups, we aim to create a loving community where people know they are loved, and where they seek to love themselves, God, and others.

For the Fall Calendar, email Jacob, Pearl, or Pastor Skitch

CONFIRMATION CLASS

Leader: Jacob Davis jacob@princetonumc.org and
Paige Allen peallen@princeton.edu
Supervisor: Phoebe Quaynor phoebe@princetonumc.org
Time: 10 am - 11:45 am, 2nd & 3rd Sundays
Location: Room 205
To register: contact Jacob, Paige, or Phoebe

The Methodist church believes that God's grace is always offered to us, whether we know it or not. One of the key questions is, *will we accept God's grace and be transformed by it?* This is the driving question of the Confirmation course. Over the academic year, 8th graders will wrestle with the Christian faith, deciding if they want to accept God's grace as the compass for their life by joining the United Methodist Church as a formal member on June 2019.

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL (9-12th)

Leader: Pearl Quick
pearl@princetonumc.org
Time: Sundays 10am – 11:15am
Locations: 1st Sunday – In service, sitting together in the balcony
2nd Sunday – Panera Bible Study (Meet in Youth Room
w/ a few bucks, leave at 10:15am)
3rd Sunday – Facebook Live the Service
(Meet in Youth Room)
4th Sunday – In service, sitting together in the balcony

Blending times in service and outside of service, High School Sunday School builds a bridge for older youth to explore what it means to be a full member of Princeton UMC and using their gifts to make Princeton UMC a better representation of the Body of Christ.

CONNECT WITH US ON FACEBOOK AND YOUTUBE!

If you are on Facebook or YouTube, please join us there! Here's why:

- ◆ **Pastor Jenny will be LIVE on our @PrincetonUMC Facebook page regularly, starting in October** sharing pastoral updates, interviewing and dialoguing with staff, laity, and community members, teaching, offering reflections and more.
- ◆ **Participate in worship when you can't be with us in person** as we livestream our services on Facebook.
- ◆ **Extend the conversation** with questions or feedback about sermons, events, celebrations, experiences, struggles, and more.
- ◆ **Connect with your pastors and fellow PUMC family members** beyond Sunday morning. We often learn about prayer and support needs, joys and celebrations by connecting with each other on Facebook.
- ◆ **Discover family-friendly ways to connect with God in every day life!** Each month or church season, Pastor Jenny engages her family in a simple, doable spiritual practice, something people of all ages can do, even very young children. She will regularly share this on Facebook in ways that help you and your family join in.
- ◆ **We are working to add new, strong content to our YouTube channel.** Join us!
- ◆ **Find us here:**

<https://www.facebook.com/princetonumc>

<https://www.facebook.com/jennys2>

<https://www.facebook.com/erik.s.matson>

<https://www.facebook.com/ginny.samuel.7>

<https://bit.ly/2Mu9KPq> (YouTube Channel)

