

# DESCRIPTION OF ADULT CLASSES

Fall 2020

## ASBURY.... STILL CARING, SHARING, AND REACHING OUT

While Sunday morning may not find all of us gathered in the church for services, we are learning that our worship even on Facebook or Zoom is still about our relationship to God and to others. Our small adult groups continue to offer conversation, feedback, fellowship, encouragement, and support. We continue to greet one another via Zoom and love, support, and hold each other up in prayer. We experience personal discovery and spiritual growth which helps us cope with the many challenges that the present-day world presents. As we gather via Zoom we are learning ways that we can be safe and yet serve our church, our community, and the Church of the World.

Asbury offers many opportunities throughout the year for everyone to become involved in an Adult Group. Please give prayerful consideration to joining one or more of these exciting groups! Remember, you will not only be blessed, but you will also be a blessing!!

If you have questions, please contact the leader of the group or the church office.

**Connecting • Equipping • Transforming**  
**Become Part of an Adult Class!**



### BOOKS ARE AVAILABLE NOW!

You may pick up a book in the church office Monday-Friday 8:00-Noon or call to have a book delivered to you.

Mountaintop Moments—those times when we experience the power, love, and grace of God in a way that's difficult to capture with words—those moments when we sense God's presence in our lives—those moments that often change our perspective of who God is and who we are—those moments that assure us that God is with us—Those are the Mountaintop Moments we trust we will discover as we experience the power of God's grace, love, and strength when we participate in this Sunday Sermon Series, MOUNTAINTOP MOMENTS by Ed Robb.

**Blessings along your journey!**

## ADULT STUDY OPPORTUNITIES ON SUNDAY MORNING

### ADVENTURES IN FAITH

Contact Pam Thornton

This class always welcomes new members. They will begin the year on Sunday, September 13 with a get together on Zoom and then join the Sunday Sermon Series, MOUNTAINTOP MOMENTS by Ed Robb on Sunday, September 20. Fellowship time will begin at 8:45 with the lesson beginning at 9:00 AM. Please contact Pam Thornton for the link to Zoom.

### AGAPE

Contact Pat Thornton and Kurt Streicher

This is a mixed class which meets all year long. The word AGAPE means a selfless, sacrificial, unconditional love; the highest of the four types of love described in the Bible. This class welcomes you and encourages you to join them as they seek to understand and reflect the Agape that Jesus had for His Father and for His Followers through study, fellowship, and action. On Sunday, September 13, they will begin with a time of fellowship via Zoom. On Sunday, September 20, fellowship will begin at 8:45 with the lesson beginning at 9:00 AM. Please contact Pat Thornton or Kurt Streicher for the link to Zoom.

### EXPLORATIONS

Contact: Realf Ottesen and Ann Brown

If you want to know more about what it means to be a Methodist and if you like history, then this is the class for you! They will begin a study of Who we are as United Methodists and What makes us Methodist, both from a historical perspective and from a theological or spiritual perspective. The Methodist movement began with the birth, education, and ministry of John Wesley. It moved across the ocean to America with the colonists who sought a new life in the "colonies" to grow into one of the major religious movements in this new Nation.

From that point, it grew into the most dynamic of all the early American mainstream denominations. They will study the people who were part of the movement along the way, the ministries they carried out, and the things they came to believe which help make us who we are today. Along the way, the church was formed, grew, divided, reunited and became one of the largest denominations in America.

Come along on a more than 300 year journey of Methodist history and thought!

The start-up day for this class is Sunday, September 20 at 8:45-9:55 AM. Please contact Realf Ottesen for the link to Zoom to join this class.

### PSP (PARENTS SUPPORTING PARENTS)

Contact: Andy Erickson

This class does a variety of studies throughout the school year looked at through the lens of a parent. They usually meet on Sunday morning from 8:45-9:55 AM, but that could change depending on when most of the group can meet. PSP is currently involved in a study entitled PRESENT OVER PERFECT by Shauna Niequeist. Please contact Andy Erickson for times and the link to Zoom.

## ADULT OPPORTUNITIES DURING THE WEEK

### HANNAH CIRCLE

Contact: Donna Stradt

Hannah Circle is a socially oriented group of ladies that meets on the second Tuesday of the month from September through May. Gatherings rotate between breakfast and lunch outings in the community to share joys and concerns, catch up on the latest news, and share milestones with one another. At the current time, they are bringing their own sack lunch and meeting in an outdoor location with social distancing. They will discuss the possibility of meeting via Zoom as the weather changes. Anyone is welcome and should contact Donna Stradt for needed information.

### LADIES ARM GROUP

Contact: Sharon Phillips

This Ladies ARM group is a caring and sharing group of women whose primary focus is to create an atmosphere where group members affirm and encourage one another, build each other up in Christ, and help each other grow. This is accomplished through short-term Christian studies and occasional service projects. They meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> (and perhaps the 5<sup>th</sup>) Thursdays of the month from 7:00-9:00 PM. They will begin the fall Sunday Sermon Series on September 3<sup>rd</sup>. All women are welcome! Contact Sharon Phillips for the link to Zoom.

### LIFT (LADIES IN FELLOWSHIP TOGETHER)

Contact: Stephanie Pim

Marian Paulson

Julia Hensch

Jenny Bloomquist

This Ladies group has their own Facebook page. They meet at different locations or via Zoom for fellowship and service projects which vary each time. Connect with them on Facebook or by contacting Stephanie Pim, Jenny Bloomquist, Marian Paulson, or Julia Hensch.

### MILITARY VETERANS

Contact: Lonnie Fisher

All veterans, men and women, are invited to meet with this group. At the present time, they are planning to meet quarterly beginning sometime in September. Please contact Lonnie Fisher for the date, time, and the link to Zoom.

### RACHEL CIRCLE

Contact: Sue Gallagher

Katie Nelson

Jo Winegar

Rachel Circle meets in a variety of locations and ways (sometimes on Zoom) on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM. Their goal is to support and encourage each other in their Christian journey. Members rotate responsibilities as hostesses and plan programs that could include a speaker who presents information on a relevant topic. A service project is also included each month. Their mission is to form relationships with community agencies and assist them either with a monetary donation or with goods & service. Anyone is welcome to drop in and join the group at any time. Please contact one of the above people for the link to Zoom.

### THURSDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

Contact: Chris Harvey 563-210-1888

This mixed group meets during the school year on Thursday Evenings from 7:00-8:30 PM. Their main focus is studying the Bible. They will begin on September 17 with the fall Sunday Sermon Series, MOUNTAINTOP MOMENTS by Ed Robb. New members are always welcome! Please contact Chris Harvey for the link to Zoom.

### UPPER ROOM MEN'S GROUP

Contact: Cliff Pim

Phil Paulson

The goal of the men's group is building Faith through Study, Service, and Fellowship. This is done by watching a short video, having group discussions, and studying the Word and how it relates to everyday life as a Christian man. Fellowship is built through some fun time at each meeting and through one-on-one prayer partners. An "open chair" is always there to greet you, so please join them! They meet Saturday mornings via Zoom at 8:00 AM. Please contact Cliff Pim or Phil Paulson for the link to Zoom.

### WINGS (WEDNESDAY INSPIRATIONAL NIGHT (OF) GROUP STUDY)

Contact: Jean Black

Heather Dennis

WINGS is a group that is open to everyone! They gather via Zoom to study the current Sunday Sermon Series in the Fall, during Advent, and Lent. At other times, they offer a different study, watch and discuss a movie, or participate in a service project. They will begin the fall with MOUNTAINTOP MOMENTS by Ed Robb on Wednesday, September 16 from 6:15-7:30 PM. Please contact Jean Black, Heather Dennis, or Cindy Bruhn for the link to Zoom.