

Do you ever feel you have yet to make a real connection at Myers Park United Methodist Church?

In such a large church, perhaps now more than ever, we need to be connected one to another in the Body of Christ, growing, sharing, and caring for one another. Grow Groups are where you are missed if you don't show up; it's a place where you belong. Grow Groups empower faith growth, connection in fellowship, study, mission, and prayer, with some real life thrown in.

MPUMC has enjoyed small groups throughout our history; Grow Groups will connect more of us and are available for you to choose one that suits your needs and schedule. Each Grow Group is from 8-10 weeks with sessions of approximately 1 ½ hours.

What are you waiting for? Fill out a Grow Group Connection Card and drop it in the offering plate or drop box at the registration tables around the church. Or email your name, phone number, email address, and Grow Group Code to growgroups@mpumc.org. Your facilitator will contact you. For more information, please email growgroups@mpumc.org or call 704-376-5520, ext. 5300.

"...good friends are those who encourage the gifts they see in us that we are afraid to claim, challenge the vices we have come to love, and help us dream dreams we might otherwise have never dreamed. We aim to be friends who will support and encourage one another, friends who will speak truthfully, holding one another accountable, and who will look and listen together for God."

- Greg Jones, Dean of Duke Divinity School

"Small groups are "where it's at" in terms of relationships and growth." - Linda Hawfield, MPUMC

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*An integral part of our
Growing In Faith Initiative*

Myers Park United Methodist Church

*We are the body of Christ,
growing in faith and serving others*



Get connected with Grow Groups!

“Growing in Christ ...”

Group Code: GG1

by Stanley P. Saunders

Using scripture, study book, and discussion, this group will explore how to deepen our relationships with Christ and develop the fruits of the spirit - love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, tolerance, and self control – in our lives.

- Facilitator: Christina Woollen
- Sundays, 4:30 p.m.
- Begins September 26, 8 weeks
- MPUMC
- Participants: Women, all ages

“Invitation to the New Testament”

Group Code: GG2

by David deSilva and Emerson Powery

Look at how the early church was shaped by the story of Jesus and how the church learned how to develop as disciples and create communities of faith.

- Facilitator: Greg Gach
- Tuesdays, 6:45 a.m.
- Begins September 14, 9 weeks
- MPUMC
- Participants: All are welcome

“When You Come Unglued ...”

Group Code: GG3

by Patricia Wilson

Are you stuck in a spiritual rut? Seeking something deeper? Is your “to do” list so long you wonder where time with God will fit in? Join us as we look at how God will help us right where we are and learn to experience God’s presence in the “now.” Use our short, daily devotional to refresh and refuel.

- Facilitator: Christie Page
- Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m., childcare is available
- Begins September 28, 10 weeks
- MPUMC
- Participants: Moms with young children

“He Loves Me”

Group Code: GG4

by Wayne Jacobsen

This transformative book centers on the Cross of Christ and God’s love for us. It is not a matter of heaven or hell, of performance or productivity. It is the intimate affection for sons and daughters. For anyone who has been influenced by guilt, shame, striving in performance, or the burden of religiosity, this insightful, intelligent book might be instrumental in your faith growth.

- Facilitator: Kathleen Quincy
- Tuesdays, 1:00 - 2:30 p.m.
- Begins September 28, 8 weeks
- MPUMC
- Participants: All are welcome



“The Power of a Focused Heart ...”

Group Code: GG5

by Mary Lou Redding

The spiritual life is not about performance, but about growing dependence on God. Using the Beatitudes as a guide, Mary Lou Redding, managing editor of the Upper Room, helps readers simplify their lives by saying no to distractions so they can yes to God.

- Facilitator: Caroline Eoll
- Tuesdays, 1:00 - 2:30 p.m.
- Begins September 21, 9 weeks
- MPUMC
- Participants: All are welcome

“A Million Miles in a Thousand Years ...”

Group Code: GG6

by Donald Miller

Life is a story. Discussing this book will give you perspective in choosing to make your life’s story worth telling. Learn to appreciate and benefit from your life experiences and frame the next phase of your life.

- Facilitator: Lynn Saul
- Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m., childcare is available
- Begins September 28, 8 weeks
- MPUMC
- Participants: All are welcome

“The Will of God”

Group Code: GG7

by James Howell

How are we to know “the will of God?” In this open discussion study, we will explore a number of issues relating to God’s will, how it is known, how it is done, and how to respond when bad things happen to us or our loved ones.

- Facilitator: Evelyn Hodges
- Wednesdays, 4:00 p.m.
- Begins September 29, 8 weeks
- MPUMC
- Participants: All are welcome

“The Kiss of God”

Group Code: GG8

by James Howell

How do you explain the unexplainable? This book is a wonderful discovery of the “what, who and how” of the Holy Spirit. In moving and informative ways, Dr. Howell describes this person of God and challenges us to acknowledge the Spirit as a constant reality in our lives.

- Facilitator: Lisa Euwer
- Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m., childcare is available
- Begins September 22, 8 weeks
- MPUMC
- Participants: All are welcome

“Invitation to Genesis”

Group Code: GG9

by Pete Enns

Explore God’s interaction with very human people with very human dilemmas - pride, family relationships, conflict, and journey.

- Facilitator: John Blackwelder
- Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m., childcare is available
- Begins September 29, 9 weeks
- MPUMC
- Participants: All are welcome

“Jesus, the Bible, and Homosexuality ...”

Group Code: GG10

by Dr. Jack Rogers

Applying the same approach as to issues of slavery and women in church leadership, the author leads us in a scriptural analysis of homosexuality. We will also review the current polity and language in our own United Methodist Book of Discipline. Dr. Rogers’ writing provides pathways for great discussion, exploration, and understanding.

- Facilitators: Eric Hillestad and Margaret Claiborne
- Wednesdays, 6:45 p.m., childcare is available
- Begins September 22, 8 weeks
- MPUMC
- Participants: All are welcome

“Invitation to Psalms”

Group Code: GG11

by Michael Jinkins

Presents the Psalms in a variety of ways, including: dramatic reading, music and visual images. Listen to insights into specific psalms presented by biblical scholars through an informal, roundtable conversation.

- Facilitator: Liz Hamrick
- Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m., childcare is available
- Begins September 29, 9 weeks
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NOTE: Grow Groups may be changed or added throughout registration, depending on demand and other factors. Visit www.mpumc.org/Grow for the most up to date information!

