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Connection Groups

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What are Connection Groups?



Connection groups are groups of people who meet together regularly in a convenient location to grow in their faith and commitment to God, build caring relationships and foster mutual ministry among the church family through authentic Christian fellowship. You may commonly refer to these as small groups, bible studies, study groups, support groups, etc.

No matter what you call them, connection groups have the goal of **CONNECTING** people of all ages to grow love and follow the way of Jesus!

There is truly something for everyone!

To learn more and register to join a group,
visit www.indianrun.org/connect.

***To learn more about Sunday morning children's programs,
middle school and high school youth groups,
or how you can get involved in a wide variety of
Indian Run's Ministries and Missions, please contact
the church office at office@indianrun.org or
visit our church website at www.indianrun.org.***

CHILDREN



K4J (Kids for Jesus)

K4J is a faith enrichment program, running late September through early May. It allows children grades 3rd - 5th an opportunity to socialize with a small group of friends, learn the Word of God, Christian values, and the principle of prayer as a foundation for formally declaring their own faith at Confirmation. A child can join the program at any time. Each group is led by an adult mentor(s) and meets 2 - 4 times per month for an hour or more, depending on the group. Some groups are held at church, others may be held in homes, etc. We encourage carpooling for off-site groups. Costs range from \$5 to \$10.

Location: Varies by Age Group

Duration: Follows School Calendars

Meeting Dates and Time: Varies by Age Group

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YOUTH



Confirmation—7th & 8th Grades

Confirmation is a transitional journey between the children's and youth ministries, during which young people will learn about and experience faith in new ways. As a result of their confirmation experience, they will be given the opportunity to claim the name Christian and take personal responsibility for the vows made at their baptism. The confirmation experience will follow The United Methodist "Confirm" curriculum. Group meetings, large group activities (including retreats), parent conversations, mentor conversations, service/mission projects, and worship are all important elements of the confirmation experience.

Location: Celebration Hall & EDGE Room 205

Duration: Follows School Calendar

Meeting Dates and Time: Sundays, 9:30-10:30am (Mentor Meet-Ups 10:30-11:00am)

Contact: Nick Mastin – nmastin@indianrun.org / 209-620-3909

High School Bible Study—9th - 12th Grades

Indian Run's youth Bible study is an opportunity for high school students who are ready to explore their faith on a deeper level. This group of 9th – 12th grade students will explore scripture while sharing their faith journeys together. Students will focus on growing in their knowledge of scripture, examining "tough" questions, and exploring implications of scripture in their daily lives.

Location: EDGE Room 205

Duration: Follows School Calendar

Meeting Dates and Time: Weekly, TBD by Student's Schedules

Contact: Nick Mastin – nmastin@indianrun.org / 209-620-3909

SUPPORT

GriefShare

GriefShare is a support group for those who have lost a spouse, child, family member, or friend. This group meets weekly to walk with you on the path through grief toward healing and hope for the future. *GriefShare* is a non-denominational, 13-week program featuring biblical concepts for healing and is led by friendly, caring people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. You don't have to go through the grieving process alone. This group will be a source of encouragement, education, and support. For general information about *GriefShare*, go to www.griefshare.org.

Location: IRUMC-Resource Room

Duration: 13 weekly sessions

Meeting Dates and Time: TBD, offered 2 x annually

Childcare: Available upon request.

Contact: Alice Gulker—agulker@indianrun.org / 614-354-3822 or 614-889-7728, ext. 102

MEN

Sip n' Scripture

We enjoy breakfast and fellowship together. Everyone attending comes with a passage or verse of Scripture to share that has special meaning or importance. Everyone has the opportunity to react and offer their own insights. All Bible translations are welcome, enjoyed, and appreciated.

Duration: Monthly, Summer Off

Location: Bob Evans on Franz Road

Meeting Dates and Time: 3rd Saturday of each month, 7:30-8:30am

Childcare: Sorry, childcare is not available.

Contact: Mike Worley—mkwrly1@aol.com / 614-873-1412

Thursday Morning Men's Bible Study

Come have coffee, donuts, and fellowship in a "no pressure" setting with other men while you study God's word. Topics: The study of God's word through the Bible, examination of contemporary issues and United Methodist responses and Bible study guides.

Location: Indian Run—Fellowship Hall

Duration: Weekly, Year-Round

Meeting Dates and Time: Thursdays, 7:00-7:30am—Fellowship, 7:30-8:00am—Bible Study

Childcare: Sorry, childcare is not available.

Contact: William Dulaney—wdulaney3@gmail.com / 614-257-8723

United Methodist Men (UMM)

The focus of the ministry of men is not inward, concentrating only on those who attend a set meeting, but outward to all men, assisting them to engage the process of spiritual growth. Our mission is to support spiritual growth among men, helping men to mature as disciples as they encourage spiritual formation in others. Everything desired from and through men comes as a result of men growing spiritually and maturing as disciples: family blessings, stewardship, service, outreach, prayer, spiritual leadership, lifestyle evangelism, and faithful obedience. Men are foundational to the life and health of the church. Our goal is to empower the ministry of Jesus Christ through all men within the congregation of Indian Run. UMM sponsors a variety of fellowship and mission events for all men of Indian Run, Indian Run congregation, and community including: Annual Golf Outing, Movie Night at Indian Run and Sporting Events – Clippers, Blue Jackets, Crew, etc.

Location: TBD, based on activity

Duration: Year-Round, based on activity

Meeting Date and Time: As scheduled

Childcare: Sorry, childcare is not available.

Contact: William Dulaney—wdulaney3@gmail.com / 614-257-8723

WOMEN



Manic Mondays

Manic Mondays is a group of women who pause each Monday morning from their hectic schedules of being mothers, wives, volunteers, etc. to support each other and nourish their souls with God's word.

Location: Indian Run—Room 106

Duration: Weekly during the school year with breaks for school vacations. During the summer, the group gets together with their children for picnics and play dates.

Meeting Dates and Times: Mondays, 9:30-11:00am

Childcare: Sorry, capped at this time.

Contact: Kristen Mazzucco—kmazzucco@gmail.com / 614-314-6832

Spice Girls

This group is comprised of all types of women – married, single, divorced, with kids, without kids, and empty nesters.

Location: Indian Run—Library

Duration: Weekly, Summer Off

Meeting Dates and Time: Mondays, 7:00-8:30pm

Childcare: Available upon request.

Contact: Ginger Pettit—ginger.pettit@huntington.com / 614-296-9573

Thursday Morning Women's Bible Study

Women of all ages are welcome to share in Christian fellowship and the study of the Bible. We alternate our study between books of the Old and New Testament. We each have a study book that guides us through the scriptures of the particular book of the Bible we are studying. We answer questions, discuss the Bible verses, and then discuss how we might apply what we have learned to our everyday living. Everyone participates as we learn together and learn from one another. We occasionally use a separate study during Advent, Lent, and the summer months.

Location: IRUMC—Library

Duration: Weekly, Year-Round

Meeting Dates and Time: Thursdays, 10:00am

Childcare: Sorry, childcare is not available.

Contact: Laura Schultz—leschultz@aol.com / 614-546-8755

Wednesday Afternoon Women's Study Group

This group is inviting women of all ages and stages! Each week's study stands alone. Each study is different, but during the current study, this group's time together is spent watching a video series, reading bible verses, discussion, and some journaling.

Location: Indian Run—Library

Duration: Weekly, Summer Off

Meeting Dates and Time: Wednesdays, 1:15-2:45pm

Childcare: Childcare not available

Contact: Julie Fletcher—dfletch1@columbus.rr.com / 614-571-6618

Women of All Ages and Stages

This group is made up of women of various ages, 30's to 65. We have a fabulous group of women who are in a variety of stages in their lives. Their children range from elementary school age to college graduates to married with their own children. We get different perspectives on our study and life in general since we have such a variety of experiences to bring to the group. The women in our group are stay-at-home moms, women that work or volunteer, and women who are looking for a new direction in their lives. The women in our small group share the responsibility of leading which makes every session unique as we learn about God's word, ourselves and one another.

Location: Indian Run—Library

Duration: Weekly, Summer Off

Meeting Dates and Time: Mondays, 10:00am

Childcare: Sorry, childcare is not available.

Contact: Julie Allen—julieallen0803@gmail.com / 614-286-6575

MIXED ADULT



Adults with Young Children

Our group has couples that have children ranging from newborn to 10 years old. We do studies that help us grow in our spiritual walk with the Lord as well as become better parents, spouses and individuals.

Location: Indian Run—Room 106

Duration: Weekly, Summer Off

Meeting Dates and Time: 1st & 3rd Tuesday each month, 6:15-7:45pm

Childcare: Available upon request.

Contact: Halsy Paxton—halsypaxton@yahoo.com / 419-571-7382

ATOMIC (Adults with Toddlers & Other Munchkins In Christ)

This group is made up of adults who have young children (grade 6 and under). This is the tie that bonds us together. We help each other with our struggles and celebrate our successes. Our goal is for our children to develop strong relationships and want to spend time with each other growing up as Christians even though they are from different schools around the community. Our children spend time together in childcare playing and fellowshiping, while we are in our study.

Location: Indian Run—Youth Room (upstairs)

Duration: Weekly, Summer Off

Meeting Dates and Time: Mondays, 6:15pm - Family Dinner / 6:45-8:00pm - Adults meet & children go to childcare

Childcare: Sorry, capped at this time. Contact Michelle Liening to be added to the waiting list.

Contact: Michelle Liening—turtlechel@columbus.rr.com / 614-271-0157

Christian Book Club

The Christian Book Club would like to invite men and women to meet once a month to explore faith issues based on a book-of-the-month selection.

Location: Indian Run—Celebration Hall

Duration: Monthly, December & Summer Off

Meeting Dates and Time: 1st Wednesday of the month at 7:00pm

Childcare: Available upon request.

Contact: Sally Robinson—donsally45@gmail.com

Linda Jones—lmj22@wowway.com

DIGGS: Delighting in God's Grace and Service

We are a mixed group of married and singles, of various ages. We study Christian books together and discuss the meaning to our lives. We welcome new members of any age at any time.

Location: Indian Run—Resource Room

Duration: Twice Monthly, Summer Off

Meeting Dates and Time: 1st and 3rd Monday, 7:30– 9:00pm

Childcare: Sorry, childcare is not available.

Contact: Sue Weaver—sueweaver8606@gmail.com / 614-764-2346

Dublin Chinese Christian Bible Study & Care Group

This is a group of brothers/sisters who are in their 40s and higher. Many of us are members of The Columbus Chinese Christian Church at Maize Road, Columbus. We are wonderful peoples who are at the best of our life. Our children either at college or they are working around the nation. Many of us have abundant Bible knowledge in Chinese. We are using Chinese and English Bible and we are learning God's words by using **Mandarin** on Friday night. We share our experience about our family life in Chinese too. You are welcome to join us.

Language: Mandarin

Location: Indian Run—Room 106

Duration: Weekly, Year-Round

Meeting Dates and Time: Fridays, 8:00-10:30pm

Contact: Houhong Wang—houhongwang@gmail.com / 614-388-8498

Jianlin Yang—yangil01@yahoo.com / 614-905-0882

Mosaic Connection Group

Mosaic - n. a pattern or picture made up of small pieces of objects, persons or things. Are you a missing piece to our Mosaic for God? Mosaic is a contemporary Sunday School class for contemporary families made up of adults of any gender, age or walks of life. Our goals are...To Reach: To reach out to our friends, neighbors, family, and others in the name of Christ. To bring together each piece in a Mosaic for God. To Teach: To give our members a comfortable environment in which to learn how to incorporate God's Word in our daily family lives. We recognize everyone comes from a unique spiritual background and in a unique point on his or her walk with Christ. And to Serve: To provide mission opportunities that serve our church, other families, and/or children's ministries. To ensure that mission opportunities are family oriented so that we may involve our children and extended family members.

Location: Indian Run—Resource Room

Duration: Weekly, Year-Round

Meeting Dates and Time: Sundays, 9:30-10:30am

Childcare: Nursery available.

Contact: Kathy Hull—hull.kathy.k@gmail.com / 704-321-3546

OWLS - Older, Wiser, Livelier Seniors

A company of women and men whose children are grown and women and men, of this same group, who have no children. Our purpose is to come together in Christian faith and love to foster social camaraderie, enjoy good food, and fun times.

Location: Varies by event

Duration: Events planned throughout the year

Meeting Dates and Time: Approx. 4-6 events per year open to all OWLS; Planning Team meets as needed

Childcare: Sorry, childcare is not available.

Contact: Sue Weaver—sueweaver8606@gmail.com / 614-764-2346

Elaine Dickerson—elaine.dickerson1@gmail.com / 614-798-8746

Tuesday Night Adult Study Group

All ages and genders welcome. Currently, this is a mixed group of men and women with older and young adult children. This group does studies that encourage faith exploration and discussion.

Location: Indian Run—Library

Duration: Weekly, Year-Round

Meeting Dates and Time: Tuesdays, 7:00—9:00pm

Childcare: Available upon request.

Contact: Joyce Oiler—drjobro@yahoo.com / 937-477-0198

Wednesday Morning Bible Study Group

This is a verse-by-verse Bible study group. Occasionally studies may be topical. Topics are chosen by the members of the group. Participants are invited to bring the translation of the Bible with which they are comfortable and share along. Men, women, and all ages welcome!

Location: Indian Run—Library

Duration: Weekly, Year-Round

Meeting Dates and Time: Wednesdays, 10:00-11:00am.

Childcare: Sorry, childcare is not available.

Contact: Beverly Steynberg—ba.steynberg@yahoo.co.uk / 614-772-1893

Wednesday Night Bible Study

What level of importance does the Bible have in your life? It was with a Word that God created everything we see. It was by a Word that Jesus gave sight to the blind, healed the sick and forgave sins. It was by a Word that Jesus was raised from the dead. Join us on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month to explore the precious Word of God. In this group, an emphasis is placed on the everyday application of the Bible. For all ages and genders.

Location: Indian Run—Room 106

Duration: Twice Monthly, Year-Round

Meeting Dates and Time: 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 7:30-9:00pm

Childcare: Available upon request.

Contact: Lisa Cotter – swisscotter1@gmail.com / 614-935-3302

Wesley Class Bible Study

Do you wonder sometimes why you are here? What is the meaning of life? Do you wish God could talk to you and give you instructions for your life? Well...He does talk to us and give us answers to all of our questions - through His Word. The Wesley Class is in the midst of a journey through the Bible, one book at a time. We are discovering reasons for our existence, directions for our lives, and wonderful promises for our future - all within the pages of the Holy Scriptures. At present, we are looking at how the Old Testament points to the Savior to come. It all takes place within a friendly and open group of mixed-age adults.

Location: Indian Run—Room 106

Duration: Weekly, Year-Round

Meeting Dates and Time: Sundays, 10:45am

Childcare: Nursery available.

Contact: Peggy Barber—dbarber@columbus.rr.com / 614-214-7965

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