

Sunday Morning Groups:

Hearts on Fire Class

Jesus-centered, warm-hearted folks who don't take themselves too seriously, seeking to grow in faith through study, conversation, and relationship.

9:30 a.m. in Room 250.
Bob Pacanowski (bpacanoswki@franklinsports.com).

The Forum Class

All ages engage in insightful and lively conversation about the Bible, Christian theology, and the implications of discipleship in contemporary matters. Guided by knowledgeable discussion leaders.

9:30 a.m. in the Fireside Room.
Mark Fleming (markwflemi@aol.com).

Questors

A traditional lecture and discussion format that focuses on contemporary Christian issues, Bible Studies, and practical application of faith. Members organize speakers, missions and fellowship events.

9:30 a.m. in Room 254.
Ginnie Battle (ginbattle@icloud.com)

New Connections

Younger couples & singles engage in thought-provoking studies that help negotiate the stuff of everyday life, faith, and relationship to God and one another. And they do fun stuff, too!

9:30 a.m. in Room 226.
Dr. Jeffrey Barbeau (jeff@jeffbarbeau.com).

Open Hearts and Minds

Progressive Christian studies. All are invited!

11 a.m. in Room 250.

Rev. Don Niswonger (dniswo25@aol.com) and Rev. Dr. Carol Findon (revdrcrf@aol.com).

The Art of Faith (first in an ongoing series)

Join us for an exciting 3-week series on the "Image of God" starting Sunday, November 18. This class will explore images for God, community, and individuality found in the Old and New Testaments by showing how Christians have used the visual arts to express these beliefs.

11 a.m. in Room 254. Led by Rev. Daniel Cochran (daniel.cochran@peopleofgrace.org).

Weekday/Night Groups:

MONDAY

Sisters

An intergenerational group of compassionate women engaged in spirited discussions of books and studies focused on spiritual formation. Fall 2018 study is *Anxious for Nothing* by Max Lucado.

1 p.m. in Room 254. Led by Rev. Cindy Marino (cindy.marino@peopleofgrace.org).

Progressive Christianity

Open discussion of non-traditional theological concepts & philosophies. Fall 2018 study is *The Challenge of Paul* DVD series by John Dominic Crossan.

7 p.m. in Room 254. Led by Rev. Don Niswonger (dniswo25@aol.com) & Rev. Dr. Carol Findon (revdrcrf@aol.com).

WEDNESDAY

Portico Collective

Drop-in discussion group, dedicated to faithful conversations that transform lives, relationships, and neighborhoods. Open to all!

5 p.m. in Room 234. Led by Chris Weilemann (chris.weilemann@peopleofgrace.org).

Short-Term Disciple Bible Studies

A new twist on the traditional Disciple Bible curriculum, a quality study in a new shorter format for those with limited time to grow deeper! Fall 2018 study is *Survey of the Old Testament*.

7 p.m. in Room 254. Led by Sandy Bray (braysnap@aol.com).

THURSDAY

Short-Term Disciple Bible Studies

A new twist on the traditional Disciple Bible curriculum, a quality study in a new shorter format for those with limited time to grow deeper! Fall 2018 study is *Genesis to Exodus*.

9:30 a.m. in Room 254. Led by Rev. Doug Bowden (dbowden6@aol.com).

Sermon Series Discussion Group

Various short-term studies and discussions that often follow a sermon series. Fall study is *Enough* by Adam Hamilton.

6:30 p.m. in Room 250. Led by Rev. Cindy Marino (cindy.marino@peopleofgrace.org).

Whether you are looking for care and support, a place to grow in your faith or an opportunity to serve the community – we can help you find your fit and connect with others who share your interests. This brochure features current and ongoing groups that provide a place to grow in discipleship with others. For opportunities to worship and serve, visit our website at www.peopleofgrace.org. Welcome to a life of Grace!



Children

Grace UMC welcomes children from all backgrounds and abilities with programming for ages 3 years to 5th Grade.



Youth

God Centered,
Youth Oriented,
Mission Focused
Community!
6th - 12th Grade



Adults

We believe God is at work in our lives before we are even aware!



Music

"Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!" (Psalm 150)
Children - Adults



Save the Date!

Connect in meaningful ways at Grace UMC through fellowship and fun!

Save the Date! 2018- 2019

Sept. 9: Rally Day, Backpack Blessing

Sept. 23: Bible Sunday

Oct. 14: Children's Sabbath & CROP Walk

Oct. 28: Fall Festival

Dec. 2: Advent Family Event

Dec. 7: Kid's Night Out

Dec. 16: Children's Christmas Event

Jan. 25-27: Created by God (Human Sexuality)

June 1: Touch A Truck

June 24-28: Vacation Bible School

CHILDREN

Grace UMC welcomes children from all backgrounds and abilities with programming for ages 3 years (by September 9, 2018) to 5th grade. We provide a fun and safe environment for children to grow in their faith from an early age with individual attention for those with special needs. We encourage and foster an environment of mission-driven service, compassion, and loving relationships, beginning with God's relationship with us through Jesus in the Holy Spirit. We follow the Safe Sanctuary guidelines recommended for The United Methodist Church.

Register for Children's Ministry 2018-19:

<https://www.peopleofgrace.org/registration>

Contact Chamus Burnside-Savazzini, Director of Children's Faith Formation Ministry (630-355-1748, ext. 3241) or (chamus@peopleofgrace.org) for more information or to volunteer.

Childcare is available for children 6 weeks to 2 years old from 8 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. each Sunday.

Sundays at 9:30 a.m. We gather for opening songs and worship with an introduction of the day's theme. Children then go to age-level classrooms where they enjoy The UMC endorsed Deep Blue curriculum, incorporating Bible stories, science activities, arts and crafts, animated video storytelling, and active games into a lived faith experience that will help children discover what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ. **Sunday School begins on Sunday, September 9!**

The Open Doors Ministry (ODM) is excited to see what our individuals with special needs will bring to our church this fall! We will continue to provide support in Sunday School classes, choir, social events, and service projects. ODM creates individual plans to meet individual needs. Support can be minimal or extensive. Please let us know if you, or someone you know, have a loved one with special needs that would benefit from our support so that their life at Grace can be inclusive, comprehensive, and successful. We are happy to have you here!

Contact Nicole Zaccaria (nicole.zaccaria@peopleofgrace.org) for more information or to get involved.

Special Events

Grace UMC is dedicated to supporting the family, however, you define it, as the cornerstone of a child's faith. We offer several special events throughout the year to encourage families in building faith together:

• **Kid's Night Out** (giving grown-ups time to shop or simply relax)

• **Special Holiday Events** (Family Advent Event, Children's Christmas Event and more)

• **Vacation Bible School** (June 24-28, 2019)

• **Created by God** (5th-6th grade human sexuality class)

• **Bible Sunday** Kindergarten and 3rd grade students receive their very own Bible from the Grace UMC family.

Summer Touch a Truck!

Hands-on experience of the big machines for kids and grown-ups in our Grace UMC parking lot.

We are always evolving and looking for opportunities to welcome the community to our campus in new ways! Come bring your new ideas to Grace UMC!

GRACE YOUTH MINISTRY (G.Y.M.)

Youth (grades 6-12) are invited to come together weekly in a God Centered, Youth Oriented, Mission Focused community to learn more about themselves and God.

Grace Youth Ministry (G.Y.M.) provides a place where religious and nominally religious youth can ask candid questions, receive real answers, and learn how Christ and Christ's teachings pertain to current situations in their lives. While the acronym may appear to be about a bunch of sweaty teenagers, G.Y.M. is truly a community of loving people becoming a church family. We have lots of room for our family to grow! Please join us!

Register for Youth Ministry 2018-19: <https://www.peopleofgrace.org/registration>

Contact Gaye Lynn Loufek, Director of Youth Ministries (630-355-1748, ext. 3234) or (gayelynn.loufek@peopleofgrace.org) for more information or to volunteer.

GOD CENTERED

Each Sunday at 9:30 a.m., youth have the opportunity to gather in a Faith Formation class led by lay teachers to learn more about what it means to be on a faith journey. The classes are divided into Jr High (6th - 8th Grades) in Room 233 and Sr High (9th - 12th Grades) in Room 234. **Sunday School begins on Sunday, September 9!**

Each Wednesday evening at 7 p.m., youth gather to dig deeper into the word of God in our Junior High/Senior High Bible study in Room 234. **G.Y.M. begins on Wednesday, September 12.**

Confirmation is offered to all who are in 8th grade. The program consists of studying the Bible, fellowship, learning what it means to be in relationships with Christ and our church family, as well as participating in interfaith discussions. The program begins in September and continues meeting through the school year on Sunday mornings (and a few select weekends) at 9:30 a.m. in Room 231. **Confirmation will kick off with a Meet and Greet on Sunday, September 9.** Confirmation families receive a mailing with specific details regarding the Confirmation program in mid-late August.

Contact Rev. Daniel Cochran (daniel.cochran@peopleofgrace.org) or Gaye Lynn Loufek (gayelynn.loufek@peopleofgrace.org).

YOUTH ORIENTED

Throughout the course of the year, multiple fellowship events are offered including bowling events, scavenger hunts, movie nights, visits to a trampoline park, visits to the labyrinth in downtown Naperville, pizza parties, and more. These events are also referred to as OPEN G.Y.M. but typically occur during a Wednesday night at our regularly-scheduled meeting time.

MISSIONS FOCUSED

Each summer, G.Y.M. offers two main mission opportunities, which begin with a kick-off meeting in late February and fundraising opportunities throughout the year.

Side x Side (youth who have completed 8th grade through adults) is a traveling mission opportunity that partners with communities domestically. **Save the Date! Side X Side 2019 will be the week of June 8 - 16.**

Hope @ Home (youth who have completed 5th grade - 7th grade and the adult mentors) provides hope right in our own backyard in the Chicago area. **Save the Date! Hope @ Home 2019 will be the week of July 9-11.**

Local Missions are also supported throughout the year: Loaves & Fishes, Hesed House, Faith Build and "Soup-er" Bowl of Caring, to name a few.

Calendar of Events 2018-2019

August 22: Children's Choir & Bells Kick-off
August 23: Evensong Singers Kick-off
August 29 -30: Adult Choirs & Bell Kick-off
September 9: Rally Day, Backpack Blessing, Confirmation Meet & Greet
September 9: Youth Choir & Bell Kick-off
September 12: Youth G.Y.M Kick-off
September 14: Confirmation Night of Service
September 23: Bible Sunday
September 23: Fall Evensong
September 29-30: Grace Friends & Family Event
October 7: Blessing of the Pets
October 10: Harvest Home Dinner
October 14: Children's Sabbath & CROP Walk
October 28: Fall Festival
November 4: All Saints Sunday
November 10: Mistletoe Marketplace
November 18: Noisy Offering
November 18: Thanksgiving Evensong
November 25: Remembrance Service
December 2: Advent Family Event
December 5: Celebrate the Season
December 7: Kid's Night Out
December 16: Gift of Love Concert
December 16: Children's Christmas Event (Sunday School)
January 6-7: Grace Friends & Family Event
January 25-27: Created by God Human Sexuality (5th & 6th Grade)
February 3: "Souper" Bowl Sunday
February 10: Cin Sunday
February 10: Evensong
February 16-17: Feed the Need
February 17: Youth Summer Missions Kick-off

For more information about these and other events at Grace UMC throughout the year visit us at www.peopleofgrace.org/get-connected.

Music Ministry

"Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!" (Psalm 150)

The music ministry at Grace welcomes new members!

- * Grow in faith and discipleship
- * Sense a greater connection in worship and church life
- * Get to know people by serving with them
- * Know the joy of serving others through worship and reaching out through music!

Fall Music Ministry for ALL!			
Ensemble	Director	Description	Start Date
Music with Children			
Treble Tikes	Lynn Leitzen	3-5 year-olds (parent/child) Music Experience Additional classes added based on response.	Thursdays, 1:00p Max. 8/class
Cherub Choir	Shelly Drescher and Sue Riedinger	Grades K-3 Sing in services monthly Christmas/Mothers' Day Musicals Seasonal participation ok	Wednesdays, 5-6p Aug. 22—May 15 Room 232
Junior Singers	Lynn Leitzen	Grades 4-7 Sing in services monthly Christmas/Mothers' Day Musicals Seasonal participation ok	Wednesdays, 5-6p Aug. 22—May 15 Room 171
Children's Bell Ensemble	Debbie John	Grades 4-7 Ring in services monthly Music reading not required	Wednesdays, 4-5p Aug. 22—May 15 Room 160
Music with Youth			
Youth Bell Ensemble	Cheryl Ameiss	Grades 8-12 Ring in services as scheduled Special events and services	Sundays, 1:30-2:30p Sept. 9—June 2 Room 160
Youth Choir	Dan/Vickie Wagner	Grades 8-12+ Sing in services as scheduled Special Services, Spring Musical	Sundays, 12:15-1:30p Sept. 9—June 2 Sanctuary
Music with Adults			
New Life Singers	Sherrie Holdeman	Inspirational Choir Sing at 8:15a twice monthly Special services	Wednesdays, 7:15-8:30p Aug. 28—May Room 161 or Sanctuary
Chancel Choir	Dan Wagner	Traditional, Classic, Gospel, Eclectic Sing at 9:30a most Sundays through early June	Thursdays, 7:30-9:00p Aug. 29—May Sanctuary
Praise Team	Lynn Leitzen and Dan Wagner	Contemporary Singers and Band 11a services year round on a rotating schedule	Tuesdays, 7:15-8:45p Sept—May
Grace Bell Ensemble	Val Dudley	Handbells Ring monthly at 8:15 and/or 9:30a Special services and events	Wednesdays, 7-8:15p Aug. 29—early June
Evensong Singers	Dan Wagner	Adult Advanced Ensemble By audition Sing Evensong quarterly Special services and events	Thursdays, 7-7:30p Evensong Sunday afternoons as scheduled
Brass Ensemble and Orchestra	Dan Wagner	Advanced Youth through Adults Play occasionally in worship	Rehearsals TBD
Adults, Youth and Children—newcomers welcome! Register at www.peopleofgrace.org/music Call Dan Wagner at 630.355.1748, ext. 3232 for information			