

DISCIPLESHIP CATALOG

2019-2020



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First United Methodist Church
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Children · Youth · Families

Children's Ministry

Tricia Givens, Director
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Sunday School | Sundays 9:50AM

(Nursery - Fifth Grade)

Children are divided into age appropriate groups and utilize materials that take them through the Bible in three years. Ages three - fifth grade meet in the Chapel once per month during the Sunday school hour for their own worship service.

Wesley Kids | First Sundays 5:00PM

(Kindergarten - Second Grade)

Wesley Kids meet in conjunction with Sunday Fellowship night which is typically the first Sunday of the month. This is a mission-oriented group for children to learn about John Wesley and "use their hands to help others".

Wesley Tweens | First Mondays 6:00PM

(Third - Fifth Grade)

Wesley Tweens meet the Monday following Sunday Fellowship night which is typically the first Monday of the month. This is an introductory Bible study group who also focuses on service projects.

Vacation Bible School | Annually in July

(Four Years - Fifth Grade)

Vacation Bible School meets from 9:00AM-12:30PM daily for one week in July. Children learn Bible verses, stories, and related curriculum songs. Older children focus on missions and serve in the community.

Youth Ministry

Jessica Gehman, Director
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Sunday School | Sundays 9:50AM

(Sixth - Twelfth Grade)

Youth are divided into age appropriate groups and focus on Bible-based studies. Confirmation class is offered yearly from January to Pentecost.

Middle School Small Group | Mondays 7:30PM

(Sixth - Eighth Grade)

Middle School Small Group meets weekly at a local coffee shop. This a time to be with friends but to also discuss today's culture and how that connects with the Bible.

High School Small Group | Wednesdays 7:30PM

(Ninth - Twelfth Grade)

High School Small Group meets weekly at a local coffee shop. This a time to be with friends but to also discuss today's culture and how that connects with the Bible.



Youth Reality Check | Sundays 6:00PM

(Sixth - Twelfth Grade)

Reality Check is held twice per month on Sunday evenings. This is a time full of games, fellowship, sharing a meal, and a short focus on faith. This program is led by our Youth Director, adult leaders, and student leadership team.

More Youth Events:

Youth Retreats | Fall & Winter

Youth Mission Trip | Annually in June

Youth Day Trips | Summer

Family Ministry

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Fellowship Dinner & Program | 1st Sundays 6:00PM

Join our church family as we gather for dinner and a variety of programs including plays, music, game nights, mission sharing, and service. Dinner begins at 6:00PM followed by the program.

Rally Day | 2nd Sunday in September

Our annual celebration to resume all church activities that were observing a summer break. Come reunite with your church family and enjoy food, fun, and fellowship!

Fall Festival | Last Saturday in October

Trunk or Treat, games, crafts, and train rides are just some of the activities to enjoy during our community Fall Festival!

Spring Festival | Palm Sunday

Easter egg hunting, games, crafts, and train rides are just some of the activities to enjoy during our community Spring Festival!

Adults · Seniors · Community

Adult Ministry

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New Directions | Sundays 9:50AM

This class is a mixture of teaching and wide range discussion about our faith and how it intersects with the world. Led by Associate Pastor, Rev. Jeff Dorsey.

Key 73 | Sundays 9:50AM

A discussion based intergenerational group who challenges each other with contemporary application of Christian beliefs and values. Led by Dee King.

New Covenant | Sundays 9:50AM

A roundtable Bible-based discussion using William Barclay's commentaries. Led by Ken Beadling.

Parent Class | Sundays 9:50AM

Tricia Givens, triciag@fumcsalemva.org

Jessica Gehman, jessicak@fumcsalemva.org

This class is for parents of children of all ages to discuss current trends effecting our children, how to lead children in their faith, and to support one another as parents.

Men's Bible Study | Wednesdays 6:30AM

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Wednesday morning men's Bible study is a one hour long interactive Bible study where men study various chapters of the Bible, explore their faith, and openly discuss issues that arise from everyday living that test our faith.

Cracked Pots | 2nd & 4th Tuesdays 7:00PM

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The Cracked Pots is a Woman's Bible Study group which provides loving support and spiritual guidance for its members. A variety of studies are used to facilitate each members' faith journey.

Shawl Ministry | 3rd Wednesdays 7:00PM

Lynn Lautenschlager, llautens@mac.com

The Shawl Ministry was formed for the purpose of making and distributing knit or crocheted prayer shawls and lap robes to those coping with grief, medical issues, or who may be homebound. Anyone with basic knitting or crocheting skills are invited to join!

Mom's Night Out | Sundays Once per Month

Tricia Givens, triciag@fumcsalemva.org

Mom's are invited to gather in support of each other to share in a faith devotion and prayer.

Empty Nesters | Meets Sundays Twice per Month

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An inspiring class for women experiencing the empty nest. Join us as we learn of ordinary women in the Bible who left

eternal legacies of faith. Discover how to make a lasting difference for your child even after they have flown the nest.

Disciple Bible Study | Sundays 4:30PM

Rev. Alan Combs, church@fumcsalemva.org

This comprehensive study takes you from Genesis to Revelation in 24-weeks providing a viable option to engage with the entire biblical text.

Adult Small Groups | Meet Periodically

Small groups are being developed and will be advertised via our church email, social media outlets, and website. Please contact the church office for more information or to subscribe to church emails.

SKY Group | 3rd Thursdays 11:30AM

Seniors Keeping Young is a fellowship and service group for adults age 50+. Activities are planned to provide spiritual and educational growth opportunities. SKY Group plans at least one trip per month in addition to the monthly potluck luncheon.

United Methodist Women

The First UMC UMW have several sub-groups (Circles) whose focus is missions whereby women and girls are equipped to be leaders, are given the opportunity to grow spiritually, and work for justice through service and advocacy.

United Methodist Men

The First UMC UMM focus on scholarship fundraising twice per year by selling chicken and pork barbeque dinners. Scholarships are awarded in June to graduating high school seniors.

More Adult Events:

Advent Study | Wednesdays prior to Christmas

Lenten Study | Wednesdays prior to Holy Week

Prayer Workshops | Meet Periodically

Community

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AA | Mondays & Fridays 7:00PM

Alcoholics Anonymous is an international mutual aid fellowship with the stated purpose of enabling its members to "stay sober and help other alcoholics achieve sobriety". AA is nonprofessional, self-supporting, and apolitical. Its only membership requirement is a desire to stop drinking.

Al-Anon | Fridays 7:00PM

Al-Anon Family Groups is a "worldwide fellowship that offers a program of recovery for families and friends of alcoholics, whether or not the alcoholic recognizes the existence of a drinking problem or seeks help.

Music · Scouts

Music Ministry

Heather Mitchell, Coordinator of Music Ministries
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Cherub Choir | Sundays 3:30PM

(Kindergarten - Second Grade)

Children learn music to share at the various worship services. Choir also provides the opportunity for prayer and sharing God's word through song. Directed by Tricia Givens.

Heavenly Bells | Sundays 3:00PM

(Third - Fifth Grades)

A beginner handbell choir for children. This choir provides music once every six weeks on a rotating basis for all church services. Directed by Heather Mitchell.

Chorister Choir | Sundays 4:00PM

(Third - Fifth Grade)

Children will learn music to share at the various worship services. Instruction provides a more in depth experience as children will become acquainted with reading music. Choir also provides the opportunity for prayer and sharing God's word through song. Directed by Tricia Givens.

JuBELLation | Sundays 4:00PM

(Sixth - Twelfth Grades & Adults)

An intermediate handbell choir for youth and adults. This choir provides music once per month on a rotating basis for all church services. Directed by Heather Mitchell.

Resounding Joy | Thursdays 6:00PM

(Adults & current JuBELLation ringers)

An experienced handbell choir for adults. This choir provides music once per month on a rotating basis for all church services. Directed by Heather Mitchell.

Youth Choir | Sundays 5:00PM

(Sixth - Twelfth Grades & Young Adults)

A vocal choir for youth and young adults. This choir provides music once per month on a rotating basis for all church services. Directed by Heather Mitchell.

Genesis Praise Band | Tuesdays 7:00PM

Musical band for vocalists and instrument players. The Praise Band provides weekly music for the 8:45AM Genesis and 10:00AM Genesis II worship services. Co-directed by Allan Davidson and Joey Poarch.

Sanctuary Choir | Thursdays 7:30PM

(Adults & current Youth Choir singers)

A vocal choir for adults of any age and any high school or young adults currently singing in the Youth Choir. This choir provides weekly music for the 11:00AM sanctuary service and may present major sacred works throughout the year. Directed by Heather Mitchell.

Scouts

Cub Scouts Pack 51

Cubmaster Kristen Allard, salempack51@gmail.com
(Kindergarten - Fifth Grade)

Cub Scouting is fun for the whole family. In Scouting, boys and girls start with their best right now selves and grow into their very best future selves. It's fun, hands-on learning and achievement that puts kids in the middle of the action and prepares them for today – and for life.

Scouts BSA (Formerly Boy Scouts)

Troop 51 B

Scoutmaster Tony Fesperman, fesperman.anthony@gmail.com
(Boys ages 11-17)

Troop 51 G

Scoutmaster Steve Davis, shop1522@gmail.com
(Girls ages 11-17)

Scouts BSA is the traditional Scouting experience for youth in the fifth grade through high school. Service, community engagement and leadership development become increasingly important parts of the program as youth lead their own activities and work their way toward earning Scouting's highest rank, Eagle Scout.



Girl Scout Troop 909

Troop Leader Tracy Lintner, thlintner@aol.com
(Girls ages 5-17)

Through earning merit badges, interest badges, following Journey Books and serving in community service, Girl Scouts give girls life skills, primarily by engaging girls and teaching them to apply a learning and decision-making process.

Venturing Crew 773

Crew Advisor Christina Powell, dcpowell5@gmail.com
(Boys & Girls ages 14-20)

You love exploring your passions, making new friends, and discovering the world. You're always looking for an adventure. Rappelling a cliff. Perfecting your shot. Designing a robot. Kayaking into the sunset. Exploring your faith. Volunteering at an animal shelter. The choice is yours! Each activity provides an opportunity to shine and learn more about yourself and the world around you. Venturing is youth-led and youth-inspired. You'll acquire life skills and gain experiences that will prove to be valuable regardless of where your future takes you, all while having a blast: leadership, event-planning, organization, communication, responsibility – the list goes on!