

WOODS CHURCH

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Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church
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Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Welcome to Woods Small Groups Ministry! The groups featured here enthusiastically invite you to join them in fellowship and study. You'll notice there are two types of groups: ChristCare and Journey groups. ChristCare groups are led by trained ChristCare leaders and focus on four areas in their gatherings: fellowship, worship, study and mission. Journey groups all gather together for study and fellowship, but vary in their interests and areas of focus. However, both groups connect us to one another outside of worship, creating space and opportunities for further spiritual growth.

Woods is a large church where making personal connections can, at times, be difficult, but even outside of Woods, we live in a world that no longer values relationship-building as it once did. As opportunities to fellowship, learn and pray together are left unfulfilled, they become a detriment to discipleship and the spiritual health of individuals and the church as a whole. Scripture tells us that we were made to live in relationship with God and one another, so if you are looking for a place to belong and grow, I encourage you to join one of these groups (or let me know if you'd like to start a Journey group of your own). I pray you find a group with whom you can share your joys and burdens, and in which you encourage one another to love God and neighbor ever more deeply.

Grace and Peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brandon Frick', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Pastor Brandon Frick

ChristCare Groups

Tober/Vrable Group

We are a new ChristCare group for woman interested in exploring a Christ centered approach to living our everyday lives. In today's world we as women struggle to balance work and family, to be good mothers and friends, to care for our children and our parents. The Bible can help us accept our limitations, and inspire us to overcome them. In a world where words are too often used to manipulate, God's word can help us find our authentic selves. If you have any questions please contact Heather Tober.

Meets 1st and 3rd Mondays at 7:00 p.m. in room 150.

Leaders - Heather Tober at
hltober@yahoo.com
Brabara Vrable
bvrable2014@gmail.com

Beardmore Group

We are a new group that meets at the assisted living side at Sunrise. We gather to share Christ's love with neighbors and friends.

Meets weekly on Fridays at 10:30 a.m. in the Sunrise community room on the second floor.

Leader - Phyllis Beardmore at
phyllisbeardmore@gmail.com

Borland/Jensen Group

This is a group of women of various ages, backgrounds and interest that gather together to support each other and discuss various issues of the day. We are currently studying *The Way* by Adam Hamilton. We would love to have you join our group. We meet every

Meets weekly on Wednesday's at 10:00 a.m. at church in room 152.

Leaders - Katie Borland,
katiemom@aol.com or
Ginnie Jensen
ginniejen@gmail.com

Caldwell Group

Our women's group meets twice a month and we are studying all the women in the Bible using the book *Women of the Bible: The Life and Times of Every Woman in the Bible* by Sue Poorman Richards and Lawrence O. Richards

Meets on first and third Fridays at 8:00 a.m. at church in room 152.

Leader - Kate Caldwell at
katehcaldwell39@comcast.net

Myhill Group

Our group is open to men and women. Our goal is to have fellowship and to promote our spiritual development in a context of openness and caring. We explore resources which widen our understanding of the Bible, as well as contemporary theology, and their application to everyday life. We enjoy and discuss various DVD lecture series and/or books by prominent Biblical scholars. We are currently reading America's Original Sin: Racism, White Privilege, and the Bridge to a New America, by Jim Wallis. We are enhancing topics from this text with a series of relevant videos.

Meets weekly on Thursday's at 9:30 a.m. at church in room 150.

Leaders - Jack Myhill and Jim Hall
at jemmk@verizon.net

Hillier Group

We are a group of men that look forward to being together and welcome new members. We study books about faith by authors like Phillip Yancey and Brian McLaren, sometimes we do a DVD series such as *The Parables of Jesus*. We are committed to fellowship and share both our struggles and joys together. On the third Monday of the month we have dinner instead of a meeting.

Meets weekly on Mondays at 7:30 p.m. in the Library.

Leader - Don Hillier at
dhillier2@msn.com

Haines Group

We are a group of men and women of various ages, backgrounds, talents, and interests. Our connecting goal is striving to develop habits that will make us more Christ-like. To do this we share, study, pray, worship, and serve together. Our current book is *Searching for Sunday* by Rachel Evans.

Meets weekly on Thursday at 7:00 p.m. in the Library.

Leader - Steve Haines at
shaines53@aol.com



Parents Lenten Journey Group

Parents of Young children (elementary-aged and younger) join us for a weekly time of community, food and reflection on the Lenten season. Begins Sunday, March 12th and meets throughout Lent every Sunday from 5:30-7:00 in Room 150. Childcare is provided with reservation.

Contact Aaryn Frick at
aaryn.frick@gmail.com.

Woodsmen

The Woodsmen group is an open, friendly gathering that provides the opportunity for men (both members and non-members) to experience Christian fellowship, self-reflection and education. The group focuses on spiritual growth and religious history while exploring men's responsibilities to family, church and the greater community.

Saturday group meets at 7:30 a.m. in the Office Conference room at the church.

Leader - Dick Clinch at
rpc21401@comcast.net

Moms of Young Children

Looking for a a group of women committed to fellowship and caring for each through the challenges of motherhood? Learn more (including meeting times and places) at the FaceBook group Woods Church - Moms of Young Children

Leader - Aaryn Frick at
aaryn.frick@gmail.com.

Men's Breakfast Club

This group is comprised of middle-aged men with families who work and have full schedules. Our discussions often revolve around our children, work, church, sports and current events in the. We enjoy our Christian fellowship as well as a good hot breakfast! We use a variety of studies and devotionals discussing popular articles that are spiritually related.

Meets every other Friday at 7:00 a.m. at Gary's Grill.

Leader - Gregg Behling at
behlingout@verizon.net

Esther and Ruth Circle

This Presbyterian Women of Woods (PWoW) small group enjoys meeting together and talking through the Bible and theology, as well as our own spiritual growth. We also undertake mission projects together and are dedicated to creating community in our group.

Meets the first Thursday of the month at 9:30 a.m. in the Founders room.
Leaders: Joan Hillier at Joan_hillier@msn.com

Priscilla Circle

This Presbyterian Women of Woods (PWoW) small group is committed to building friendship as we study scripture, theology spiritual classics together. We also undertake mission projects inside and beyond our church.

Meets the second Tuesday of the month at 9:30 a.m. in the Founders room.
Leader: Judy Lupfer at
judygupfer@aol.com

JOURNEY GROUPS

