



New Covenant Groups October 2022

What is a Covenant Group?

A covenant group shares about the journey of faith as it pertains to relevant aspects of life while caring about one another's joys and concerns along the way. The emphasis is more on the heart than on the mind. It is a small group of people who have committed to journeying together for a period of time, meeting regularly to check in.

The Faith Formation Council invites you to participate in any of these new groups that speak to you.

George Bond, Rev. Grace Imathiu, Jim Johnson, Liz Lithio, Emily McClintock (chair), Lee Rader, Ann Robbins, Andrew Schumacher, Tom Scott

Parents with College Kids in Prayer

Does your home feel unusually quiet now? Let's get together and talk about our new roles, worries, aspirations and ideas during this stage in our lives- finding new ways to nurture our children and ourselves. Frequency and times/days tbd by the group.

If you are interested, email Emily McClintock at emily.mcclintock@bairdwarner.com. Please note in person or zoom preference for meetings.

Parents of Young Children Together in Faith

Our hope for this group is that parents of young children (from babies through elementary age) can explore our faith as it relates to parenting and raising children, during a time in life when faith and even getting to church can seem to take a back seat to nap schedules, temper tantrums, and just getting dinner ready "on time-ish.". We envision this group as a place where we come together to support each other through the excitement and challenges of parenthood. Frequency and times/days to be determined by the group.

If you are interested email Liz Lithio at lizlithio@gmail.com. Please note preference for in person or zoom meetings.

Retired or Newly Retired

Are you retired or newly retired? If so, this covenant group may be just what you are looking for!

We will be sharing:

- *Our individual experiences
- *Fun facts
- *Check-ins
- *Monthly happenings

Led initially by Ann Robbins & Jan Chapin

Zoom together once a month. Day & times to be determined by the group.

If you are interested email Ann Robbins at arobbins29@aol.com or Jan Chapin at chapin53@aol.com.

The Nature of Prayer

“I love to think of nature as an unlimited broadcasting station, through which God speaks to us every hour, if we will only tune in.” – George Washington Carver

What would you rather do on a Sunday afternoon: Worry about all you have to do next week or revel in the beauty of fall? Watch Netflix or feel the invigoration of a winter nature hike? The Nature of Prayer Covenant Group invites all who have a wonder of the natural world to share with each other nature immersion while experiencing the presence of God.

On the first Sunday of each month, beginning November 5, from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m., the Nature of Prayer Covenant Group will convene. On November 5, we will engage in a nature hike taking advantage of the natural beauty immediately to our east. We will meet on the Hinman steps of the church, walk to the lakefront, and hike the lakefront trail for an hour. We will take some moments to experience nature and God in silence as well as time for fellowship on our trek. All who participate in this covenant group are welcomed to share in ownership. The wonder of the natural world is limitless. We invite your ideas and participation as together we immerse ourselves in nature and the presence of God.

If you are interested please email Lee or Jim.

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Adults of All Ages

Journey through the holidays and into the new year with this group for adults of all ages and stages. We'll plan to ZOOM twice monthly for the months of November through January at times to be determined by the group. The emphasis will be on sharing our faith and supporting one another through the joys and concerns of the holiday season and the beginning of winter. All are welcome, both local and remote, members and non-members.

If you are interested please email Tom Scott at tom.scott.goblue@msn.com