



2022-2023 Fellowship Group Opportunities

First United Methodist Church is a community of Christians inviting all people to grow in their relationship with God and to live their faith in the world.

“Fellowship” = “friendly association, especially with people who share one’s interests.”

<u>Group Name</u>	<u>Contact for More Info</u>	<u>Group Description</u>
Coffee, Conversation, and Friends	Susan Henderson hende4629@gmail.com Pam Johnson jpamjohnson@gmail.com	This group of women of a certain age meets on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month from 10:00 to 11:00 am. We gather behind the Garrett Seminary on the Northwestern University campus, which has allowed us to socially distance. We have informal conversations on a wide variety of topics: books, the news, restaurants, grandchildren, and places to visit. No matter what’s on the table, we are all ears. Come join the conversation and make some new friends. For Winter, the group will meet at La Peep.
Couples Salon	Susan Prout swprout@comcast.net	A mix of couples around middle age who share their lives and potluck Saturday dinners four or five times a year. The group meets at the home of a member who provides the main course (often assisted by co-hosts). New couples are always welcome!
Fighting Methodists Softball Team	Seeking a new leader – please contact Kristi Hubbard hubbard.kristi@gmail.com	Batter up! A team of caring, fun-loving adults representing First Church in the Evanston co-ed recreational “mushball” league each June and July. All ability levels welcome. Resuming 2023.
First Feet Walking Group	Susan Prout swprout@comcast.net	This walking group of all paces meets every Saturday morning at 9:00 am at the corner of Church and Hinman for an hour walk on the lakefront followed by coffee at Peet’s for those interested. No registration necessary, just come walk with us!
First Flicks	Wendy Istvanik je.mappelle.wendyi@gmail.com	First Flicks is a monthly movie discussion group that generally meets on the third Friday of the month. Group members select a movie to be discussed through an online poll. They go to see the movie during the month and then come prepared to talk about the film. On hiatus until 2023.
First Hands	Rebecca Beiter Bob.beiter@comcast.net Matt Peters matthew.mjp.peters@gmail.com	Adults of all ages gather periodically for fellowship with a purpose! This group has fun together while helping with a service project. We have packed diapers for Bundled Blessings, bagged food for Feed My Starving Children, picked up litter for Arbor Day, and staffed a water station for the Race Against Hate. Come when you can!

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Friends at First	Mary and Dave Koester mkoester81@att.net	A group of active adults who are retired or semi-retired, volunteering, traveling, and/or taking care of grandchildren! This group has toured the Dawes Mansion and the Botanic Gardens and enjoyed musical concerts. The fun is extended with food and conversation.
Limitless	Stephanie and Matt Peters stephdeloney@gmail.com matthew.mjp.peters@gmail.com	Attend neighborhood events, bowling, bonfires, apple picking, brunch, fellowship, and more. All ages and stages, singles/couples and families are welcome. Zoom meetings have moved to a newer schedule of once a month on Thursdays at 7:00 pm for trivia, Scattergories, Codenames, and more.
Men's Fellowship	Don Baker donbaker331@gmail.com	This group meets via Zoom at 8:00 am on the first and third Thursday of each month except in the summer (June, July, and August), when meetings occur on the first Thursday only.
Mom's Night Out	Seeking a new leader – please contact Kristi Hubbard hubbard.kristi@gmail.com	Gather with moms of any age for snacks and socializing. Come as you are after work, the gym, or gardening to connect with other moms from First Church.
On the Same Page Book Club	Greta Connor ggconnor.28@gmail.com	This book club reads mostly fiction chosen by the group members' recommendations. We meet on the fourth Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in a host's home for a light-hearted discussion over wine and snacks. Typically, there are 5-6 people in attendance. All are welcome to join anytime. Join us for one book that you're interested in or attend regularly. On hiatus until 2023.
Single or Solo	Marion Clemens redmarion77@comcast.net	Adults in their 50's and 60's who are single (or solo for the day) and still young at heart enjoy outings with a cultural focus. We alternate between meals hosted by a church member or going out to enjoy dinner or music. Past activities have included a French-themed brunch followed by a Northwestern concert, a Christmas potluck dinner at a church member's home, a Girls Night Out appetizer evening hosted by a member, and outings to early bird dinners at Evanston restaurants. Let's enjoy culture and good food together!
Rainbow Connection	S.E. Brick sebrick19@gmail.com Michael Bergmann mbergmann@yahoo.com	On hiatus during Fall 2022. People who identify with the LGBTQIA+ Community are invited to join. This group is multi-generational, multi-racial, and members have varied religious backgrounds and familial structures. There's a place for you here!

Questions about any of these groups or ideas for any new groups can be directed to Kristi Hubbard, Chair of the Fellowship Committee, at hubbard.kristi@gmail.com.

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