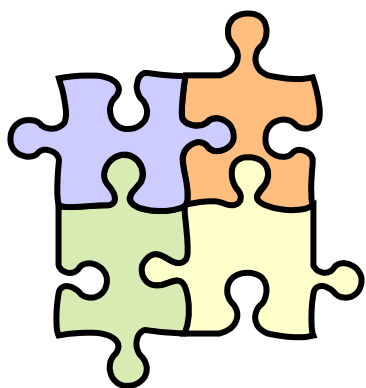




Tigard United Methodist Church

Open Hearts Open Minds Open Doors

Fall, 2011



CONNECT



GROW



SERVE

If the Fall line-up looks a bit different...well it is! Our mission at Tigard UMC is to Open our Hearts to God, Open our Minds to God's Word, and Open our Doors so that others might know God's Love. By building community through connecting to one another, learning and growing in our faith journey, and sharing that love with our community, we can achieve this mission.

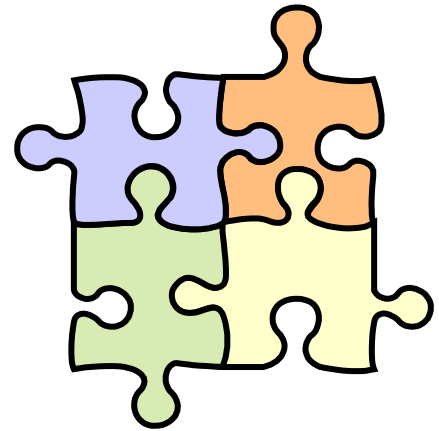
We believe one of the best ways to achieve our mission is through small groups ministries. We know that there are many small groups already existing amongst our congregants but in order to grow emotionally and spiritually, we need to open ourselves to new opportunities for fellowship, growth and service as well as to welcome new members to our church family!

Linda Dove and Karen Coe have divided this Fall's offerings into three categories - Connect, Grow and Serve. On the following pages you will find some of our small group offerings for Fall. Please check our website www.tigardumc.com for other opportunities. Questions? Contact Linda Dove 503-639-3181 or ldove@tigardumc.com

Evening activities are concentrated on Wednesday evenings to coincide with Church Happens On Wednesday (CHOW). We encourage participants to join their church family for a delicious common meal prepared by Ginia Finch. There is a suggested donation of \$5 for the meal.

CONNECT

Connect through fun and fellowship and feel God's Presence as new friendships are formed and old ones are strengthened.



Trekkers - Come explore the world through Christian fellowship as we “trek” around our community, our state, and our world! Watch the TUMC monthly newsletter and our website for opportunities to join this group in its various activities. Days and times vary depending on the activity. Leader: Jolin Gard

Yoga - Tuesday Mornings, 9:00 – 10:15 a.m. Cost is \$60.00 for a 6 class package which needs to be used within an eight-week time period. (This flexibility allows for illness, travel, etc.) You will need to bring a yoga mat and wear comfortable clothing. Please register now with Linda Dove 503 639-3181 or ldove@tigardumc.com.

Yoga for Moms and Babies *New!* - Contact Linda Dove (see above) if you are interested in yoga for moms and babies.

Ladies Exercise - This gentle, low impact and stretching exercise class is just for the ladies...Come Tuesday or Friday or both. 9 - 10 am. \$2 voluntary fee for each class you attend. Contact: Linda Dove

Card Sharks *New!* - Remember when lunch and cards were the de rigeur? Hark back to the 50's for just a bit and enjoy some old-fashioned food and fellowship as we meet at members' houses for a light meal and the card game of their choice. Group will decide day/frequency of meetings. Limit 8. Facilitator: Betsey Ullom

Scrapbooking/Card Making *New!* - Come join like-minded folks who want to create memories as well as share ideas and tips on how to do so! So...load up your stuff and come join us the fourth Thursday of each month from 7:00-9:00 Beginning Sept. 29. Childcare provided upon request. Facilitator: Karen Coe

Golf *New!* - Load up your clubs, practice your swing and let's hit the links! This is for men only; sorry ladies but let me know, and we'll start a group for you! Day/time to be decided by group. Facilitator: Sam Coe

Men's Breakfast - Enjoy an early morning meal filled with good conversation and great jokes! Meet at Davidson's on 99W at 7:00 AM (or thereabouts) each Friday. Facilitator: Larry Caufield

Men's Coffee - Gather 'round for coffee and donuts while solving the world's problems each Tuesday morning at 10:00 AM at the church. Leadership rotates weekly. Facilitator: Larry Caufield

GROW

Grow in the knowledge of Christ and God's love for us.



Sunday Mornings 10:45-11:45 am

The Parables of Jesus Begins Sept. 11

The Sower and the Seeds, The Prodigal Son, The Good Samaritan, The Unjust Judge, The Least of These... Jesus was a gifted storyteller. He taught life lessons to his followers through his use of parables. Why did he use parables, and how do we unravel them to discover their timeless and powerful messages? Each Sunday we will read and reflect on a different parable of Jesus and discuss its meaning for your life today. Facilitator: Linda Dove ldove@tigardumc.com

The United Methodist Way Oct. 30, Nov. 6 - 20

This class is for those seeking membership in the United Methodist Church either by profession of faith, transfer or baptism. Led by Rev. Lee Hunefeld lhunefeld@tigardumc.com Please let Rev. Lee know if you are interested in membership.

Monday

Brown Bag Lunch Group Noon - 1 pm October 3 - November 7

Join the Monday Brown Bag Group as they look at the parables of Jesus using Alice McKenzie's book The Parables for Today. This book is organized around the following four points the author thinks Jesus taught about what the kingdom of God is like: The kingdom of God is not under our control. The kingdom of God shows up where we least expect it. The kingdom of God disrupts business as usual. The kingdom of God is a reign of justice and forgiveness. Book cost: \$14.00. Facilitator: Rev. Lee Hunefeld lhunefeld@tigardumc.com

Tuesday

Invitation to John An 11-Week Disciple Bible Study 1 - 2 pm Begins Sept. 27

The Gospel of John stands apart from the other Gospels. In it we find Jesus speaking not in parables but in lengthy discourses. Join us for this 11-week small group study as we answer Jesus' invitation to "Come and see" – and consider anew what it means to be his follower. This is a medium commitment class with daily reading assignments in addition to the weekly class discussion time. Book cost: \$13.00. Facilitator: Linda Dove ldove@tigardumc.com

Wednesday

Moms in the Morning - Moms in the Morning is a small group for friendship and Bible study. Topics and studies vary throughout the year. "Moms" is always open to and eager for new members. Meetings will resume September 21 and are held weekly, Wednesdays 9 - 11 a.m., with child care provided. Contact: Kristin Preston

Wednesday Night Study Group 6:30 - 7:30 pm 6-week video and discussion series Begins Sept. 21

In Embracing Emergence Christianity author, historian and keen cultural observer Phyllis Tickle invites us to join her in examining the changing face of Christianity and culture. Phyllis surveys 2000 years of Western history, identifying the great upheavals that occur in Western culture and Christianity every 500 years. The last was the Great Reformation of the 1500's; the next is happening now. What are the implications of this "Great Emergence," both culturally and spiritually? What are the key questions and issues that need to be addressed? Where might we be headed next? And, perhaps most importantly, where are you, at this moment? Might you be an emergence Christian? Facilitator: Linda Dove ldove@tigardumc.com

SERVE

Serve our community as we go out into the world sharing Christ's love in all that we do and all that we say. TUMC is known as the church who serves the community.



Jubilatte Coffee Ministry *New!* - Volunteer as a barista (we'll train you!), read stories to youngsters or help with childcare, or lead a small group study. Contact: Staci Lieuallen staci.jubilatte@tigardumc.com

Prayer Shawl *New!* - Imagine those who are ill, anticipating surgery, or experiencing loss wrapped in the warmth, comfort, and prayers of a shawl you created. Join us to make shawls, quilts...Beginners welcome! Contact: Judy Caufield

Night Strike *New!*- Night Strike is a chance to meet and to help serve the needs of the homeless in Portland. It happens on Thursday nights under the Burnside Bridge starting at 6:45 p.m. Training is provided. Those wanting to experience this vital ministry should contact Linda Dove or Chris Natland. When we have a list of interested folks we will set a date for our group to go help. For more information on Night Strike, log on to bridgetownministries.com. Contact: Linda Dove ldove@tigardumc.com or Chris Natland cnatland@tigardumc.com

Northwest Children's Outreach *New!*- Children in our neighborhoods, through no fault of their own, are going without the most basic things they need. We can help! Northwest Children's Outreach serves these needy children with the help of volunteers who pack blankets, diapers, clothing, formula, etc. in their warehouse. These customized packages are then delivered to the needy recipient. Interested in serving in this way? Contact Linda Dove ldove@tigardumc.com and we will set a date for individuals, families or small groups to go help.

Senior Center - You needn't be a Senior Citizen to volunteer at the Tigard Senior Center. The third Friday of every month, our church helps serve lunch. Come learn from these folks what it means to remain active and vibrant. Serving time is 10:30-1:00 pm. Contact: Carol Daniels

United Methodist Women -Yes, we serve... more than just tea! Join us the second Thursday of each month as we share lunch and explore opportunities to learn and grow in mission both here and abroad. We also sponsor a Mom's in the Morning Group, a book club, and 2 circles. For more information, contact: Paula Sadler or watch for updates on church website.

Tigard Food Pantry -The Pantry is open six days a week Monday thru Saturday with an extra shift on Thursdays. It serves people living in 97223 and 97224 zip codes. Opportunities exist for a team of 4 or for individuals to assist. Facilitator: Ginia Finch

Sanctuary Choir-Come join this group if you have a passion for song and can read music. You don't need to be a soloist, just enthusiastic to share God's word through music. Choir is Wednesday evenings from 7:30-9:00. Contact: Helen Pevzner

Marimbas - Marimbas is an intergenerational group with a minimum age requirement of 4th grade. No musical background required. Thursdays 7:00 - 8:30 pm beginning Oct. 6th. New members are always welcome! Contact: Jeff and Jill Nave-Powers 503-620-7264.

Hand Bells- Bell choir is a unique place to enhance your love of music. Only an ability to read music and the desire to be part of a fun, friendly group is necessary. In addition to ringing the English hand bells, chimes are used and new techniques are learned to enhance the overall experience. Bell practice is Wednesday evenings at 6:30-7:30. Contact: Donna Krauthoefer