



Fall 2022 Small Groups

Broomfield United Methodist Church

This fall, take the initiative to build new connections, cultivate community, and grow with God! Broomfield UMC offers more than 25 different Small Groups for adults of all ages and stages of life. These include Sunday morning groups, evening groups, weekday daytime groups, special interest groups, service groups, and men's and women's groups. Take a look at the options below and see which group fits your interests, needs, and schedule. Then contact the group leader or complete the electronic registration form. The leader of the group will be notified that you are participating. Make note of the first session of your group and plan to be there. It's that easy to get involved!

Anthem Ranch Bible Group. Most members are residents of Anthem Ranch, a retirement community in north Broomfield, but we also welcome members who live nearby. We meet in member's homes on the second and fourth Wednesday mornings of each month, from September through May. We begin at 10:00 a.m., and start with 30 minutes of socializing with coffee, tea, and light snacks, followed by an hour of informal discussion. We often use study books by contemporary Christian authors such as Max Lucado, Adam Hamilton, and Philip Yancey. Our recent membership has been between nine and twelve members and we are led by Susan Roth and Marv Truhe. New members are always welcome. We senior citizens are very supportive of each other and friendships invariably develop within our group. For more information or to register, please contact Marv Truhe at marvtruhe@aol.com or call 605-484-8393.

Anthem Ranch Book and Bible Study Group. If you live in Anthem Ranch and enjoy reading, this neighborhood group meets at the Anthem Ranch Clubhouse on alternate Thursdays, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m., and welcomes new members. The Group will study Adam Hamilton's *Seeing Gray in a Black & White World*, starting our Fall schedule on Thursday, September 8, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. For more information or to register, contact Jim Gulley at jamesgulley@mac.com or 347-331-3123.

New! Broomfield Writers Collective. Broomfield UMC has at least four published authors, as well as a larger community of people who love to write and share a passion for the written word. The Broomfield Writers Collective is a group of writers who gather monthly to encourage one another in the writing craft. This group provides the opportunity to share our stories of how we were inspired to write, our visions of what we desire to communicate, and our triumphs and challenges in the writing (and publishing) process. This group is open to all people who want to pursue the writing craft, as well as established writers who want to encourage others. Wherever you are in the journey of writing, join in this supportive community, which meets

on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. starting September 27 (November meeting will be November 29; no meeting in December). For more information or to register, contact Thomas Cross at Thomas.cross@broomfieldumc.org or 720-880-5221.

New! Career Kickstarter Workshop. Covid is really shaking things up for a lot of us. Some have lost their jobs, others have discovered they'd like to switch fields, work more or less, or work differently. If you'd like some help, ideas, and support as you move into the next phase of your career, this workshop is for you! Ari Shaffer, who lives in the Broomfield area, is a former therapist and Certified Career and Professional Retirement Coach. She is also working on a new certification which involves giving back to the community. She is leading an online course on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. - September 14, 21, 28, October 5, 12, 19, 26, and November 9. She explains, "We'll be meeting online to cover everything from deciding on your next career step to networking, interviewing and resumes, work/life balance, negotiating, and more. In addition, I'll meet with each participant to provide one hour of free online Career Coaching. To request to register, email me at booksbyari@gmail.com and tell me about your situation and what you'd like to get out of the program. I'll follow up with details and we'll go from there." Space is limited to 10 participants. Registration closes at noon on September 7 or when the workshop fills up.

Carrie Rachel Circle. Carrie Rachel Circle meets for fellowship, project work, and programs in Room 201 at the church, usually the 4th Monday of the month, from 6:30-8:00 p.m. Their primary service project is preparing fleece blankets for the Linus Blanket Program. Contact Garnet Smith at 303-666-5869 or Lauri Kiel at 303-324-2526 or lkiel99@gmail.com to register or for more information. This group is part of United Women in Faith.

New! Connections Group. Reaching out, finding God in words, thoughts, and actions - the Connections Group is a Sunday morning class for adults wanting to find God in today's world. Through straightforward studies, the class will share interpretations and search for application of God's Word. This new group centers upon connecting with one another in fellowship -- and connecting with the wider community in outreach and service. The Connections Group launches with the study, *Loving Justice*, exploring how our loving and powerful God stands up to the strongest forces of hate in the world. This study explores the biblical and practical facets of justice so that we can live in a way that avoids harm and reflects God's fairness. The Connections Group will meet Sundays at 9:30 a.m. in Room 203 starting September 11. A special breakfast meeting is planned for August 28 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 203 as well. In addition to ongoing studies, this group will also host occasional guest speakers highlighting current issues and organize service and outreach projects. For more information or to register, contact Diann Eason at 303-507-9004 or diann.eason@gmail.com, or drop in on a Sunday morning!

New! Cooking Group. Do you love to cook? Do you enjoy blessing others with the food you prepare? Broomfield UMC is forming a Cooking Group to prepare meals for Hope House, Safe Parking, our Youth Group, and other church events as needed. This group will meet one to two times per month and use one of the kitchens at the church. This service group will bless the church and wider community through the gift of food. Group members with the following gifts and skills will be helpful to the success of this group: organization, scheduling, communication, food preparation, hospitality, driving, and serving. If you have any of these gifts, there's a place for you in the Cooking Group! The organizational meeting will be on Serve Saturday, September 24, 9:00 a.m. - noon in the Fellowship Hall Kitchen, which will include cooking a meal for Hope House. For more information or to register, contact Thomas Cross at 720-880-5221 or Thomas.cross@broomfieldumc.org.

New! Creation Care Team. Is the well-being of our planet a priority for you? The scriptures pronounce it is our responsibility to care for God's creation. We as Christians are called to participate not only in the redemption of individuals and all of humanity, but in the healing of creation itself. Today, God's creation and the home we are responsible for handing over to future generations – our Earth – is in need of healing more than ever. Our calling to respond to the existential threat of climate change is an important ministry and mission of this congregation. God is at work bringing justice to the entirety of God's creation and God calls us to participate in God's mission. Broomfield UMC is establishing a Creation Care Team comprised of members representing the wide spectrum of our partners, across age groups and all demographics, to initiate activities and practices here at our church that will promote healing and protection of God's creation. The Creation Care Team will also foster an atmosphere that encourages our partners to live the mission of protecting God's creation beyond our church, bringing environmentally sustainable practices into our community and in all aspects of our daily lives. For more information or to register, contact Russell Sarazen at rjsarazen@gmail.com or Cody Schulte at codyschulte80@yahoo.com.

Days for Girls. Days for Girls meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month from 2:00 - 3:30 p.m. in Room 201, creating washable, reusable feminine hygiene products for women and girls in developing countries. For information or to register, please contact Lauri Kiel at 303-324-2526 or lkiel99@gmail.com. This service group is part of the United Women in Faith.

New! Dinner for 8 Group. Hungry for Fellowship? Dinner for 8 Groups are a great way to get better acquainted and make new friends! This Dinner for 8 Group will meet monthly starting this fall, with different members of the group taking turns planning and/or hosting the dinners. Dinners can be held at the host's home (themed potluck style) or at a restaurant chosen by the host. This group is designed for people who want to build deep friendships with more people in the Broomfield UMC church family. The intent for this group is to meet through the spring of 2023 or as long as the members want to continue. For more information or to register, please contact Thomas Cross at Thomas.cross@broomfieldumc.org or 720-880-5221. Both singles and couples are welcome to participate in the group!

New! Enneagram Journey. ANY-A-WHAT??! For anyone curious to learn more about what the Enneagram is and how the knowledge and practical application of this ancient, transformative wisdom can become an additional spiritual resource, join this small group (maximum 20 people) committed to attending every Tuesday session September 27 to December 13 (*we will not meet on 10/4 or 11/22*) from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Using the *Enneagram Journey* curriculum (\$22) by Suzanne Stabile, acclaimed co-author of *The Road Back to You*, together we will explore how better understanding the different lenses through which each of us sees and experiences life helps us to increase self-awareness, compassion for ourselves and others, authentic connection, balance and wholeness, and ultimately freedom to live into, and from, our essential nature. Unlike personality assessments, the Enneagram is a dynamic tool that helps us become aware of motivations that drive our behavior and offers insight into how each of us is broken *and* how we can be healed. No previous Enneagram knowledge is required, so if you haven't already taken an Enneagram test, we suggest you do NOT - our journey together will help you to learn the Enneagram type you lead with (which is actually who you are NOT!). Intrigued? For more information or to register, contact Calley Welborn at calley@undercurrent.life.

Faith Links. Faith Links explores how the Bible and faith connect to social issues and daily life. This open, dynamic group will continue studying Adam Hamilton's *Seeing Gray in a World of Black and White*, with 10 chapters about current hot topics to still cover. Hamilton's series explores a variety of current issues from the

perspective of faith, looking for middle ground rather than going to polarizing extremes. While Hamilton's series was written a decade ago, it remains current and relevant in our time. Faith Links meets at 9:45 a.m. on Sundays in Room 201 and welcomes new members anytime. Diane Johnson leads the group. Contact her at dianeetsuko@gmail.com to register or for more information; or drop in any Sunday!

New! Faith, Work, and Life Group. In a time when many people are reevaluating how our work relates to our life's purpose, the Christian understanding of vocation can shine some light on a challenging subject. God has gifted and equipped each one of us to bless and enrich life on this planet through our service in the home, the workplace, the church, our circle of relationships, and in voluntary organizations. As we discover our vocations, we participate in God's mission. The monthly Faith, Work, and Life Group is designed to provide the tools to help you understand your personal giftedness and mission. This group will meet on the first Wednesday of each month, October through June, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. in Room 201. Fall sessions will explore the book, *Whatever You Do*, edited by Luke Bobo, which introduces six foundations for an integrated life. The sessions in 2023 will explore Bill Hendricks' book, *The Person Called You*. Two additional sessions, on November 30 and February 8, will provide the opportunity to discuss a Spiritual Gifts Inventory and to work through a "Discovering Your Giftedness" process with a partner. The cost of the fall session materials is \$10, which includes Luke Bobo's book and the Spiritual Gifts Inventory. The first session is October 5 at 6:30 p.m., please read pages 1-21 in *Whatever You Do* in advance. Contact Thomas Cross at 720-880-5221 or Thomas.cross@broomfieldumc.org for more information or to register!

Friday Friends. Friday Friends is a longstanding Small Group that meets on – you guessed it – Fridays! We are a group of women of all ages, from all kinds of backgrounds, sharing life together as we study God's Word. Some of our members have been with the group for years, others are new just last spring! We invite you to join us! Our first session will be on Friday September 9th. This session will be a chance to connect and catch up and get to know any newcomers. We will confirm our study on that day and begin with session one on Sept 16. We regularly meet on Fridays at 9:30 in Room 203. We generally choose video studies with an optional study guide available for those who want to study throughout the week. For more information or to register, call or email Vicki Cromarty at 720-880-5227, or vicki.cromarty@broomfieldumc.org.

God's Men. God's Men meet at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesdays starting September 7 and end between 10:00 and 10:30. The men will be continuing to study the book of John using materials by N.T. Wright. The group plans to pick a follow-up topic to study once after resuming in September. We are a great group of men who enjoy discussing different Biblical topics and often share what is happening in our lives from the preceding week. Our weekly meetings consist of a breakfast snack or even a heartier breakfast from time to time provided by the leader of that session. We also support the oatmeal shelf at FISH by giving \$10 a month in memory of Tim Kardatzke who brought oatmeal the first of each month when we met. For more information or to register, contact Harvey Burns at 303-594-9618.

New! Hiking with Faith Group. Hiking with Faith is a new group being launched by Brian Forman. He writes, "I am excited to incorporate faith-based learning/discussion with one of my favorite activities...Hiking. It is in nature, and especially the mountains that I often feel the closest to my faith and God. The glory of mountain peaks, rivers and the forests seem to inspire faith-based introspection, togetherness, and conversation with our creator. Over the years many people have shared this same thought with me. The group will begin with two hikes per month, during each hike we will explore and have conversation about different faith related topics. When the weather gets cold we will likely add micro spikes or snowshoes to the mix. We will try to pick hikes that are easy or medium in difficulty but we would advise

discussing the addition of any new exercise activity with your doctor. The group will be managed through the Meetup app. You will be able to sign up for the group and receive notifications through the app. We are planning our first hike on a Saturday morning sometime in September, so please check the website for updates." Contact Brian Forman at brian@jbformanhomes.com for more information or to register.

Homebuilders Group. Homebuilders is a group of couples and single adults who meet on Sunday mornings, 9:30 - 10:30 a.m., in Room 106 for learning and discussion. The group often uses LifeGuide Bible Studies which cover Christian living using a wide variety of Bible and thematic topics. The group's fall study will be the Book of Job, covering twelve weeks. Homebuilders includes adults of all ages, including those who are raising families, empty nesters, and retirees. This dynamic group enjoys fellowship outside of regular meetings, such as attending concerts and Rockies, Nuggets, and Avalanche games. The group also hosts a Christmas party each December. Homebuilders is always open to guests and new members. To register, contact Doug Demmel at demmeldoug@msn.com or 720-841-8794, or drop in any Sunday!

Incredibell Choir. Have you ever played handbells? Or wanted to learn? This is your chance. The Incredibell Choir is reforming and is looking for ringers. A date is not set yet - planning will be around those who are interested. Beginner or seasoned ringers are welcome. For more information or to register, please contact Lora Fulton at fultonhaus@comcast.net.

New! *The Last Howlelujah* Book Group. Do you love dogs? Do you love great stories? Darren Duplechin is starting a group to discuss a special book about one man's best friend. The group will meet Sundays, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. (location to be determined by the group) starting this fall. The book, *The Last Howlelujah*, is written by William B. Miller. No one loves dogs or writes about them quite like William B. Miller. While living on the island of Kauai, he adopted a special mutt who had been abandoned and was found wandering by the side of the road. Combining his Texas roots and new Hawaiian home, he named his new buddy Nawiliwili "Wili" Nelson. By the time they moved to Louisiana, William and Wili had become best friends and made some extraordinary memories together. When his faithful one-in-a-million canine companion was diagnosed with terminal cancer and given only three months to live, Miller's whole world fell apart. But eight months later, on a paw and a prayer, the dynamic duo embarked on The Last Howlelujah Tour, a 5,000-mile epic journey from New Orleans to Las Vegas. The book is available for \$6 from the Sanctuary Lobby literature rack. Contact Darren Duplechin at duplech@msn.com for more information or to register!

Lydia Circle. Lydia Circle meets the 2nd Thursday of the month, at 6:30 p.m. at the church in Room 203. Members work on various mission projects, including supporting Children's Ministries, Project Valentine, and Hope House. For information or to register, contact Colleen Hayer at 720-530-8165 or chayer@comcast.net or Myrna Prentice 303-469-1633 or myrnaprentice@mac.com. This group is part of United Women in Faith, welcoming all women to participate!

Mary Martha Circle. Mary Martha Circle meets the 3rd Wednesday each month from 9:15-11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. This circle works on various mission projects for Broomfield FISH, Hope House, A Precious Child, and other local outreaches. This group is part of United Women in Faith and welcomes all women to participate. For information or to register, contact Laura Horesh at 303-548-6879 or horeshsl@msn.com or Lora Fulton at 303-439-2129 or fultonhaus@comcast.net.

Men's Theology on Tap. Do you like to go off-script and explore theological questions and talk about life without lots of curriculum or in-depth study guides? If so, Theology on Tap is for you! Theology on Tap provides an informal setting where men can bring their ideas and questions and enjoy good conversation

over beverages and food. The group meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m., rotating among several local brewpubs and tap houses. The first fall meeting will be on Wednesday, September 21 at 6:30 p.m. at Rail's End Beer Company, located at [11625 Reed Ct Unit B, Broomfield, CO 80020](https://www.google.com/maps/place/11625+Reed+Ct+Unit+B,+Broomfield,+CO+80020). (Rail's End typically has a food truck available.) All meetings begin at 6:30 p.m. Bring your insights, your questions, and your Bible, and we will see where the Spirit leads us. If you would like to be included in the Theology on Tap email list, contact Thomas Cross at Thomas.cross@broomfieldumc.org and he will send you reminders with the location of the monthly Theology on Tap gathering.

Misunderstood God Group. *The Complete Fairy Tales of Oscar Wilde* will be the fall study for The Misunderstood God Group. Reading fiction is a change of pace for this group, yet Oscar Wilde's nine fairy tales reflect his profound knowledge of the Bible and his classical education. Filled with princes, mermaids, kings, and birds, Wilde himself says that his fairy tales were written "partly for children, and partly for those who have kept the childlike faculties of wonder and joy." Wilde's stories also reflect his sensitivity to those who were excluded and marginalized. During this interesting study, The Misunderstood God Group will discuss one or two tales per session, exploring their themes and lessons for his context and our own. The group meets on the first and third Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. in Room 203 and fall meetings will begin September 6. The book is available for \$6 on the literature rack or from Amazon, and this warm and engaging group welcomes new members for this fall study! Contact Thomas Cross at 720-880-5221 to register!

Monday Night Men. Do you enjoy being outdoors, exciting adventures, and meeting new people? Do you want deeper fellowship with your brothers in Christ? For their fall study, the Monday Night Men will read and discuss Billy Still's fascinating 2019 book, *The Jawbone of a Carnivore: Praying the Pathway to Peace*. Billy Still, who is a retired United Methodist Pastor, has lived in some remarkable communities and embarked on many outdoor adventures with his friends. His book is filled with great stories. Through these experiences, Rev. Still has discovered his own pathway to peace through prayer. The Monday Night Men will engage in this study with the author, who is a member of the group, discussing our own experiences and insights of how we have encountered God in prayer and discovered God's peace. The Monday Night Men meet on the second and fourth Mondays of each month, starting September 26, at 6:30 p.m. in Room 203, and they welcome new members! The book is available for \$13 from the literature rack. Contact Thomas Cross at 720-880-5221 or Thomas.cross@broomfieldumc.org for more information or to register!

New! Stephen Ministry Training. Stephen Ministers are trained to provide one-to-one lay caring ministry to persons in crisis or with other needs for care. People all around us are experiencing life difficulties. As a church, we are called to reach out to them, offering Jesus' love and care. As part of that, we are looking to train a team of members to be Stephen Ministers - lay caregivers who will meet weekly with a hurting person to listen, care, pray, and embody God's presence in the person's life. Men are matched with men and women minister to other women. Becoming a Stephen Minister is a commitment - but the rewards are amazing! There is time each month to meet with other Stephen Ministers to discuss and help each other with any problems or challenges we may be facing. Our mission is "Serve God and share Christ's healing love by providing trained, one-to-one, Distinctively Christian care to people who are experiencing life's challenges and difficulties - both inside and outside our congregation." Training begins on Thursday, October 13 from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. at Broomfield UMC, and will be 50 hours in length. Training will go through early March following an application and interview process. To learn more and begin the registration process, contact Nancy Chesnutt at 303-548-6421 or nancysue38@comcast.net.

Theology on Tap Plus. Do you enjoy socializing and discussing theological questions over food and beverages? Theology on Tap Plus is an informal gathering of Broomfield UMC partners and friends who enjoy lively discussions and warm fellowship. The group meets at local brewpubs and all questions are open for discussion. Thomas Cross, who facilitates the group, also brings essays along if nobody has a question. The group's first fall meeting will be at Wonderland Brewing, located on 120th Ave. west of Sheridan next to Kohl's. All gatherings begin at 6:30 p.m. Contact Thomas at Thomas.cross@broomfieldumc.org to receive notifications and locations of each meeting. All adults are welcome to participate!

Tuesday Good News Group. The Tuesday Good News Group is a weekday daytime group allowing members the opportunity to grow in faith and support one another. Overcoming the trials of life will be the theme of fall discussions in the Tuesday Good News Group, using David Jeremiah's bestselling book, *Overcomer*. In the book, Dr. Jeremiah explores eight ways to live a life of unstoppable strength, unmovable faith, and unbelievable power. This inspiring study delves into the biblical principles of how to overcome the most common challenges we experience, drawing upon the resurrection power of Christ. Join the warm and dynamic Tuesday Good News Group starting Tuesday, September 13 at 2:30 p.m. in Room 201. This group relates the Bible, faith, and life through reading and discussing Christian books. The book is available for \$15 from the literature rack. Please read the prologue and chapter one in advance of the first session. Contact Thomas Cross at 720-880-5221 or Thomas.cross@broomfieldumc.org for information or to register!

Tuesday Morning Glories. The Tuesday Morning Glories Bible Study is a group of women who engage in Bible study together to grow and share their faith and support each other through friendship and prayer. The group studies various spiritual books, Bible Studies, and Advent and Lenten studies. The group meets weekly on Tuesday mornings from 9:30 to 11:00 in Room 101 beginning on September 13. The group will be discussing *Fresh Air* by Chris Hodges. The author will show you how to live a life empowered by the Holy Spirit and discover the powerful secrets of a God-breathed life, enjoying the fresh air of God's blessing. You will experience what it means to live an "I get to" - not an "I've got to" - kind of everyday life. *Fresh Air* will bring newness to your walk with God and revival to your soul. The book is available for \$15 on the literature rack. Please contact Elaine Batten, battenco@outlook.com or 303-641-7011 for more information or to register. All women are welcome!

Viola Lois Circle. Viola Lois Circle meets for fellowship and Bible Study the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month, 8:15-9:30 a.m., in the Conference Room. Besides the book studies, they also do projects for various organizations including Hope House and the local chapter of TTT. Contact Elsa Fuhrer at 303-469-9708 or cefuhrer@aol.com or Jan Dillie at 303 453 0484 or dillie69@msn.com for information or to register. This group is part of United Women in Faith and invites all interested women to participate!

Women's Book Club. The Women's Book Club is very causal group of about a dozen women who meet monthly to discuss the month's selected book. Our reads are primarily fiction, with one or two nonfiction and historical fiction thrown into the mix. Books are chosen before January 1 for the entire year. An effort is made to select books available in libraries or in paperback to keep costs down; it is not required that you buy each book. We are a very "come as you are" group, no food nor drink served, no need to dress up! You do not need to commit to being present every month, just show up as you are able. We are a group of avid readers enjoying expanding our literary horizons with new selections. The club meets every 4th Thursday evening from 7:00-8:30pm in the Church Conference Room. Contact Alice Potter at alicepotter92@gmail.com for details on book selections or to register!

Young Professionals Group. The Young Professionals Group is for all young adults who want to make new friends, study the Bible, enjoy fellowship, and support each other in life. The group is currently meeting at the home of Jacob & JoAnna Pawlik in Thornton on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month at 6:30 p.m. We structure our meetings around thoughtful questions, topics, events, pictures, videos, or other creative forms to start conversations about our faith and how the Bible works in our lives. We also plan social outings once a month, including hiking, going to breweries, bowling, or anything that sounds fun! For information or to register, contact Jacob Pawlik at 828-461-8022 or pawlikjt@gmail.com. We look forward to meeting you!