Friends,

As we move into this New Year, I pray that 2023 will be a year of growth and flourishing for our congregation and the communities we call home. Our 2023 Discipleship Guide is an invitation for you to find a deeper spiritual life in the midst of an uncertain yet busy world. Our future as a church is directly tied to the spiritual maturity of our congregation, and I believe that taking time to invest in our spiritual growth should be a priority for those of us who call FirstChurch home.

Below you will find unique opportunities to learn more and grow deeper in your faith. From weekly Bible Studies to children’s programming to Enneagram workshops, we have a place for you at this table of learning. I hope you will take advantage of these opportunities and continue your spiritual journey with us in 2023. I cannot be more excited to discover what God has in store for us in 2023.

In Peace,

Rev. Mitchell Boone
Senior Minister
First United Methodist Church, Dallas

NEW SUNDAY SCHEDULE
STARTING JANUARY 8, 2023

morning schedule
9:30 am – sunday school (all ages)
10:30 am – gathering & fellowship (atrium)
11 am – worship (sanctuary)

afternoon schedule
12 pm – church-wide events
12 - 4 pm – afternoon programming
january

1: 10 am, Wesley Covenant Service with Holy Communion
8: 11 am, Worship (New Sunday schedule starts!)
13: 7:30 pm, Rotunda Theatre presents Cabaret Night and Day
14: 7 pm, Rotunda Theatre Cabaret Night and Day
21: all day Church Leadership Retreat
28: 9 am - 5 pm, Enneagram: Know Your Number (with St. Paul UMC) by Suzanne Stabile
29: 12 pm - 2 pm, Ministry-Safe Training Day

february

1: Urban Camp Registration opens
5: 12 pm, Meet the Artist (Goodrich Gallery)
11: 9 am - 5 pm, Parenting and the Enneagram
18: 10 am - 2 pm, United Women in Faith Racial Healing Lunch & Conversation
19: Zone56 Last Supper Reenactment
22: 12 pm and 7:30 pm, Ash Wednesday Services
24: Zone56 Lock In
26: 5 pm, Variations Show Don’t Stop, Chica-GO!

march

3-5: Youth Spring Retreat
12-18: Costa Rica Mission Trip
19: Hands-On Mission for FirstKids, Zone56, and Youth
24: Zone56 Parent Mix & Mingle
26: 12:30 pm Town Hall Meeting

april

2: 11 am, Palm Sunday with Palm Processional; Annual Easter Egg Hunt following worship
2: 12 pm, Meet the Artist (Goodrich Gallery)
6: 7:30 pm, Combined Holy Thursday Worship Service with St Paul UMC
7: 7:30 pm, Good Friday Tenebrae Service
9: 7:30 am, Sunrise Service led by our Youth
9: 11 am, Easter Worship in the Sanctuary
10: Easter Monday (offices closed)
16: Camp Big Church starts! (For Kindergarten-age kids)
23: 11 am, Chancel Choir & Orchestra present Illuminare
24: FUMC Golf Tournament
30: 2 pm, Children’s Choir Musical What’s Up, Zak?

may

21: 11 am, High School Senior Sunday & Camp Big Church Celebration
28: 11 am, Pentecost Sunday
The Pastor’s Bible Study

Led by Rev. Mitchell Boone
Every Wednesday 12 - 1 pm, starting Jan. 11

Join Rev. Mitchell Boone every Wednesday at First United Methodist Church, Dallas for a study on the upcoming preaching text. This casual Bible Study will provide a deeper understanding of scripture and an appreciation for the text during sermons. So bring a lunch and enjoy good conversation with Mitchell as we explore the variety of challenging & beautiful stories in the Bible.

Contact Rev. Mitchell at mboone@fumcdallas.org.

Book Study on "The Accommodation"

Led by Rev. Holly Bandel & Rev. Angela Williams
Tuesdays, starting Jan 24 (3 weeks) from 7 - 8:30 pm

The Accommodation: The Politics of Race in an American City by Jim Schutze, and Civil Rights leader, Rev. Peter Johnson, is a powerful classic of Dallas history that examines the violent and suppressed history of race and racism in the city, from slavery through the Civil Rights Movement, and the city’s desegregation efforts in the 1950s and ‘60s.

Contact Angela Williams if you’re interested in joining! awilliams@fumcdallas.org.

Enneagram: Know Your Number (with St. Paul UMC)

Led by Suzanne Stabile
Saturday, Jan. 28, from 9 am - 5 pm in the Upper Room

Join best-selling author and Enneagram master, Suzanne Stabile, as she introduces the Enneagram and helps individuals discover their Enneagram number. This is the best way to begin your Enneagram Journey! Know Your Number is the most requested workshop from the co-author of The Road Back to You (with Ian Cron) and author of The Path Between Us. Suzanne is best known for her creative approach, vulnerable storytelling, and narrative style of teaching, which viewers get to experience in this series.

Register at firstchurchdallas.org
Contact Rev. Joe Stabile, jstabile@fumcdallas.org.
Enneagram Parenting Session

ed by Joey and Billy Schewee, eenneagramparents
Saturday, Feb. 11 from 9 am - 5 pm in the Upper Room

Joey and Billy Schewee have been students of the Enneagram for twenty-five years. As an ‘8’ married to a ‘9’, their application of this impactful tool began as young adults when they learned the Enneagram from Joey’s mother, Suzanne Stabile, and flows through dating and marriage, raising children, and managing employees and work relationships in careers that span the educational and corporate realms. Both Joey and Billy have a genuine passion for teaching the Enneagram and have done so in a myriad of sectors for fifteen years. They have used their teaching and parenting experience to develop an intuitive curriculum for families seeking practical application of Enneagram wisdom. In this workshop, they will cover Enneagram basics that include parenting from a triad perspective, appropriate age for determining your child’s Enneagram type, and the benefits of recognizing your child’s stance for meeting intuitive needs.

Register at firstchurchdallas.org
Contact Leah Bailey, lbailey@fumcdallas.org

Lent Study - Daily Activities Can be Holy

ed by Rev. Joe Stabile
Tuesdays, starting Jan. 31 (5 weeks) from 7 - 8:30 pm

The holy season of Lent is the perfect time to examine our relationship with God and our willingness to follow God’s lead in our lives. A spiritual practice can be anything that makes us more aware of the nearness and presence of the Holy One in our daily activities. During the five Tuesdays of Lent, Rev. Joe Stabile will lead us through spiritual practices that we can all do to awaken within us the intimacy we have with God. Beginning on Tuesday, Feb. 28 and following on the four Tuesdays of March, we will meet at 7 pm at FirstChurch to explore and renew the ways we experience the love, mercy and grace that is offered to us in daily life.)

Email Joe Stabile for more information, jstabile@fumcdallas.org.

Lenten Mid - Week Prayer Services

ed by clergy
Thursdays, starting Mar. 2 (for 5 weeks) from 12 pm - 12:30 pm in Dickerson Chapel

These weekly services will be a brief time for respite and reflection during Lent. The services will include scripture, silence, and prayer. Please join us!
Questions: contact Carrie Chavarria, cchavarria@fumcdallas.org.
nursery information
for children (birth – kindergarten)

Led by Sondra Mileage

We welcome infants and toddlers into our spaces. Childcare is offered during the Sunday school hour and Worship for infants through kindergarten-age children. The Nursery offers care in a secure location with trained professionals. In addition, a comfy, quiet room is available for nursing, crying, or quiet time.

For specific questions, contact Leah Bailey at lbailey@fumcdallas.org.

weekday childcare
for children (birth – kindergarten)

Led by Sarah Magwire

In addition to the Nursery on Sundays, the Developmental Learning Center (DLC) offers childcare Monday – Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. for infants through kindergarten-age children. It is the DLC’s mission to provide a safe, secure, loving and nurturing Christian environment that encourages young children (and their families) in social, emotional, academic and spiritual development.

Contact: Sarah Magwire, smagwire@fumcdallas.org.

firstkids
for children (1st – 4th grade)

Led by Leah Bailey

FirstChurch’s children’s ministry, FirstKids, exists to guide the faith journey of children in Kindergarten through 4th grade, to equip parents/caregivers as partners in their students’ faith journeys. The fundamental message of this ministry is LOVE - love for God, self, neighbor and earth. Students meet on Sunday mornings during the Sunday school Hour.

To learn more about children’s programs, please contact Leah Bailey at lbailey@fumcdallas.org.
**Zone56**

**for students (5th - 6th grade)**

*Led by Leah Bailey*

Zone56 develops leadership and spirituality among 5th and 6th graders to help them grow as disciples and live their faith. This program precedes confirmation and is built upon curriculum that includes topics specific to pre-teens shared through engaging discussion and games. Students meet on Sunday mornings during the Sunday school hour.

Contact Leah Bailey, lbailey@fumcdallas.org.

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**Youth Information**

**for students (7th - 12th grade)**

*Led by Dorian Albert*

7th - 12th graders gather together for Youth Programming on Sunday mornings from 9:30-10:50 am. During this time students will focus on scripture, study, discussion, activities, fellowship and seeking to answer questions like “how are we called as disciples?” and “How do we live out our faith and calling in the world?”

To learn more about youth programs, please contact Dorian Albert at dalbert@fumcdallas.org.
sunday school + groups

agape
(for engaged/married couples)

To families and couples who welcome diverse points of view, AGAPE is a loving, Christ seeking community inviting interaction and open interpretation of scripture and beliefs while supporting each other in navigating the balancing act of life.

class, etc.
(singles/couples 60-80)

Members of Class, Etc. vary in age, marital status, theology, and political views, but all of us join together to care about each other and our community and to grow as Christian disciples.

covenant class
All ages

Couples and singles of all ages and diverse interests who enjoy lively discussion and thought-provoking study. The class is bound together by a covenant in which all persons are equally valued and all viewpoints are accorded respect. Covenant is a reconciling class who welcomes people of all ages, genders, races, ethnicities, disabilities and sexual orientations.

doubl-aires
(singles/couples 55+)

The Doubl-Aires Class formed in 1961 when single adults started finding their soulmates in what started out as Singl-Aires. Strong commitment to FirstChurch and class members’ energy and vitality continue to attract new members as the class provides strong leadership within the church.

genesis
(singles/couples with young adult children)

We are empty nesters, couples and singles, who value fellowship as well as concern and caring for our members and church. Our classes are an eclectic mix of Bible study and current issues dealing with religious, social, and cultural trends.

rise, shine
All ages

Families committed to the lives of each other and the work of the church.

if you're interested in visiting a Sunday school class or learning more information, please contact Natasha Ikeji, Assistant to Discipleship, nikeji@fumcdallas.org
interpretations
(singles/couples 50s and early 60s)

Interpretations has nearly 3 decades of being in community with one another and serving in a variety of ways at FUMC. We are committed to one another through the daily living, challenging seasons and joys of life and seek to become the hands & feet in a world that needs Jesus.

journey
All ages and stages

Our class is interested in development and spiritual growth through comprehensive study of various biblical texts applying them in a modern context.

pathways
(parents of infants/toddlers)

We are a lively group with infants and toddlers. We love to learn more about scripture study, be involved with church-wide projects, and enjoy socializing outside of the church setting. Our group is a great support system for new parents!

the early class
(all ages)

We discuss themes and books which are chosen by class members and guest leaders.

groups

young adults
for adults aged 23-39
Led by Rev. Anna Bundy Hagler

If you are (or know!) a young adult wanting to connect with God and other young people in the church, this is the group for you! We can’t wait to meet you!! Contact Rev. Anna at ahagler@fumcdallas.org.

young families
for new parents
Led by Rev. Anna Bundy Hagler
Meeting on Sundays at 9:30 am in the Atrium

Are you a parent for the first-time? Or have you added new babies into your family and you’re looking for support? We invite you to join us in the Atrium as we get to know others in the same life stage, regardless of age! Questions? Email ahagler@fumcdallas.org.

united women in faith
Led by Doris Marshall

United Women in Faith at First United Methodist Church is part of a global network of women whose purpose is to know God and experience freedom through Jesus Christ. We develop a creative, supportive fellowship and expand mission by participating in the church’s global ministries. For more information, email Angie Connelly, aconnelly@fumcdallas.org.
opportunities to serve

missions

meals
for our neighbors

-Austin Street Meals
-Supper Club
-Dallas Bethlehem Center
-Body and Soul (at St. Paul)
-Cold Weather Shelters

serving schools

-Walk Over Wednesdays (with St. Paul UMC)
-One+One Dallas

advocacy

-Racial Justice Cohorts
-Immigration Task Force
-Mental Wellness Interfaith Alliance

for any interest related to mission and advocacy, contact Angie Connelly, aconnelly@fumcdallas.org

care

prayer team

note writing

prayer shawl ministry

insiders ministry

for any interest related to congregational care, contact Rev. Holly Bandel, hbandel@fumcdallas.org

hospitality

altar guild

Prepares communion each month and meets periodically throughout the year to prepare our worship space for certain times in the liturgical year.

Contact: Carrie Chavarria, chavarria@fumcdallas.org

media

Interested in AV? Join the media team! Help record and stream the worship service by running a camera, directing, engineering and more. You don’t need prior AV experience to participate – we can teach you everything you need to know. Email Morgan McClinchie at mmcclinchie@fumcdallas.org for more information.

greeters & ushers

This important ministry involves serving as a friendly face as members and guests enter onto our church campus on Sunday morning. You may be asked to provide directions to basic locations within the church such as restrooms, the Sanctuary and the children’s area. Greeters are scheduled to serve one month per quarter in hour shifts throughout Sunday morning.

Greeters, contact Vicky Benish, vbenish@fumcdallas.org.
Ushers, contact Carrie Chavarria, chavarria@fumcdallas.org
chancel choir
for adults

The Chancel Choir rehearses on Wednesday evenings and sings for Sunday worship services. They also perform major choral works with orchestra each year. In its history, the choir has made several recordings and has been featured in worship services of the American Choral Directors Association conventions both regional and national, and for the North Texas Annual Conference. The choir has toured to England, Canada, and throughout Europe. Currently, they are looking forward to touring Spain in May of 2024.

To learn more about Chancel Choir, contact Dana Effler at deffler@fumcdallas.org.

handbell choirs
for adults

Our two adult handbell choirs, Celebration (beginning/intermediate) and Alleluya (advanced) rehearse on Sunday afternoons. Both choirs ring not only for worship services and concerts at FUMC, but also for handbell festivals and performances in the greater Dallas community and beyond.

To learn more about hanbells, contact Tim Effler at teffler@fumcdallas.org.

handbell/orff ensembles
for children 2nd - 12th grade

We offer three ensembles for young musicians. Orff Ensemble (grades 2 - 3), Steeple Ringers (grades 4 - 6) and Carillon Ringers (grades 7-12).

student choirs
for children K - 12th grade

We offer 4 choirs for young singers. Carol Choir (K - 1), Cantate Choir (Grades 2-3), Counterpoint Choir (Grades 4 - 6), Variations (Grades 7 -12)

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We have Music & Arts opportunities for all ages! If you have any questions or would like more information, contact Dana Effler, deffler@fumcdallas.org.

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2023 spring music schedule

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program staff

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