

2026 WEDNESDAY NIGHT

# SMALL GROUPS

TO SIGN UP FOR A SMALL GROUP, CLICK [HERE](#)

**FEBRUARY 25 - MARCH 18**

## IMMIGRATION

**LED BY KENDALL SALTER & SONYA PEARSON**  
*IN THE ECCLESIA-WINGARD CLASSROOM*

The United Methodist Church affirms that welcoming the sojourner is central to our faith. The General Board of Church and Society has produced a new resource for our congregation to live out this call for compassion and solidarity with the sojourner that will guide our teaching and discussion. We hope that participants will engage, connect, and discuss immigration from a biblical perspective by recognizing the call to be hospitable, understanding the principle of God's blessing beyond borders, and navigating faithful risk and sacred welcome. Recognize the Call to Being Hospitable, to Understand the Principle of God's Blessing Beyond Borders, and to Navigate Faithful Risk and Sacred Welcome.

## INTO THE MYSTICS

**LED BY KATIE GILBERT**  
*IN THE SALT CLASSROOM*

During this Lenten season you are invited to join in a journey of learning about Christian mysticism. Together we will explore the world of the mystics (which is often similar to the world we are experiencing today) as well as the unique theologies and practices that guided their spiritual lives. By looking more carefully at the inner wisdom of mystics like Julian of Norwich and Saint Francis, we will seek to find the mystic within each of us.

**APRIL 8 - APRIL 22**

## THE ATONEMENT: WHAT DID JESUS SAY?

**LED BY KEVIN THOMAS**  
*IN THE SALT CLASSROOM*

The atonement is one of the central doctrines of Christianity. Theories of the atonement attempt to explain how the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus reconcile God and humanity. While the teaching seems critical to understanding our faith, the church has never required adherence to any one of the numerous theories. Most teaching about the atonement is rooted in Paul's writings and connected to his interpretation of the Old Testament sacrificial system. His teachings are important, but what if we briefly set them aside to consider only what Jesus said about atonement? What would a theory of atonement look like if we only considered the words attributed to Jesus? In our three-week study on the Atonement, we will attempt to answer these questions.

## MAKER'S MONTH

**LED BY LOCAL ARTISTS**  
*IN THE LARGE DINING ROOM*

Join us for three weeks of crafting with local makers! This group will begin April 8 and sign-ups will be required to ensure we have enough supplies. More information to come!

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# ON GOING SMALL GROUPS

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## CONVERGE

IN THE PARLOR

*(BOTTOM FLOOR OF THE OFFICE BUILDING)*

Converge Midweek is an ongoing small group for young adults at First Church that is open and welcoming. We begin each meeting by checking in with one another and then have a guided conversation on a variety of topics. Conversations can focus on books of the Bible, a video series, or a book series. There is no "homework" that needs to be done before attending. Just show up and know that you belong.

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## WRITING

LED BY MARY EVELYN HOLLOWAY

*IN THE LIBRARY (1ST FLOOR OF THE EDUCATION BUILDING)*

Come together and learn different ways to write as a form of prayerful reflection. Led by Mary Evelyn Holloway, we will discover how writing can become a ritualistic practice that brings us closer to God, closer together, and closer to learning more about ourselves.

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## SANCTUARY CHOIR

LED BY PATRICK EVANS

*IN THE CHOIR ROOM (SANCTUARY BUILDING)*

Have you ever heard the glorious music on Sunday mornings and wanted to be a part of it? Join your sanctuary choir for rehearsals on Wednesday nights at 6:30pm! For any additional questions, email [Patrick@firstchurchbhm.com](mailto:Patrick@firstchurchbhm.com).

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## KIDS & YOUTH PROGRAMMING

CITYKIDS WING

*(2ND FLOOR OF THE EDUCATION BUILDING)*

Join our City Kids and students as they learn to worship, grow, and serve together! We'll have activities for any age and exciting programming planned this fall. If you have any questions, please email [Ashley@firstchurchbhm.com](mailto:Ashley@firstchurchbhm.com).

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*Wednesday Night*  
**DINNER &  
PROGRAMMING**