



## ADULT STUDIES for Fall 2008

**REGISTRATIONS BEGIN August 17 at the Church**  
**INFORMATION FAIR August 31 and September 7, Hottle Hall**

*At Sydenstricker UMC we believe that adults grow deeper in their faith as they meet to learn, pray, and enjoy the fellowship of other Christians. Here's the list of studies. Most studies begin in September. Some are long term, some are short. Make your plans now to be in a group. We provide loving childcare at the church if you request it when registering.*

### DAYTIME GROUPS

**"If you Want to Walk on Water You have to Get Out of the Boat,"** will be offered Sunday mornings from 11 am. to noon by Sandra Warren and Pam Durham from September 28 through November 16. In this study, written by John Ortberg, we are encouraged to consider the challenge that awaits us outside our comfort zone!

**Companions in Christ I** invites you to join them Wednesday mornings, in the Agape House, 9:45 AM, beginning September 3rd. Their study book is *Amish Grace: How Forgiveness Transcended Tragedy*. This study discusses the extent to which the Amish example of forgiveness can be applied elsewhere. (Participants buy their own books, [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com).) For information call Ruth Ann Henline at 703-569-1595.

**Companions in Christ II** will warmly welcome new members to its Thursday afternoon study, 12 noon to 1:30 pm, beginning September 4 at the church. Their first topic is a 10-week study, "The Way of Discernment," from the Companions in Christ series. This study is designed for people yearning to hear the Holy Spirit's guidance, looking for direction in life changes, seeking clarity about church's mission, and searching for God's will in personal matters. Coordinator is Sandra Warren.

**Pastor's Bible Study**, Thursday mornings at the church, 9:20 AM, is led by Pastor Lee Seibert from September through May. For fall 2008 we will begin with

II Thessalonians and the book of James. Begins Sept. 4 (no classes Sept. 18 and 25).

## EVENING GROUPS

**Bible Study** group will meet Monday evenings, beginning September 15, from 7 to 9:30 pm. Bill Jones and Barbara Russell will be facilitators. This group meets for prayer and study, using various studies selected by the group for 5 to 8-week sessions, followed by a short break and another short session. Their fall study will be "The Ten Commandments from the Backside" by J. Ellsworth Kalas, who "opens new possibilities of insight into the familiar Ten Commandments. ..."

**Theiss' Bible Study**, with Jerry & Sandy Theiss as coordinators, meets at church on Mondays at 7:00 PM. This group welcomes new members at any time.

**Men's Bible Study** is for men eager to improve their walk with the Lord. Focuses on regular readings from the Bible. Mike Sloniker is facilitator, Saturday a.m., bi-weekly.

**Christian Believer** This thirty-week study will be led by Pam Durham on Sunday evenings 7 to 9:30 pm beginning September 14 through May 17. It covers the classical doctrines of the Christian faith, presenting, explaining, and interpreting Christian doctrine as the basic teaching of the church.

**Going Deeper**, beginning September 17, will be led by Pastor Scott, Wednesday evenings, 7 to 8:30 PM. Learn about scripture, deepen your faith, and enjoy fellowship of others in this new group



**Christian Caregiving -- a Way of Life** will be offered Monday evenings 7 to 9 PM, September 23 through November 24. This study will be led by Kathy Phillips and Bill Wells, Sydenstricker's Stephen Leaders. Participants grow in their ability to care for one another as they learn how to pray with someone, share from the Bible during a caring conversation, speak a word of forgiveness, and much more.

**GriefShare Support Group** will begin on Thursday, September 4 at the Agape House from 7-9 pm. It will meet for 13 weeks through December 4, excluding Thanksgiving. This group will focus on Christ-centered healing through small group interaction. Join us and explore ways to move on your journey of mourning to a new future without forgetting the spouse, close family member or special friend you have lost. Childcare will be available if requested in advance.

**Short term Disciple, Invitation to the New Testament**, led by Susan Roth, will meet on Monday evenings at Susan's home, January 12, 2009 for an 8-week study. This study looks at how the early church was shaped by the story of Jesus and how the church learned to develop as disciples and create communities of faith.

**Faith Sharing**, led by Pastor Lee Seibert, is for all who want to become more comfortable sharing their faith story and inviting others into the faith ... to be offered Winter 2009, dates TBD.

**Book Group**, discusses various books chosen by the group members. Meets the third Monday of each month at 7:30 PM. Leaders are Irene McGhee and Rebecca Burrows.