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**Small Groups Ministry**

*Updated as of 3/8/2025*

We recognize that one of the ways a large congregation can stay engaged and connected to the community is by interacting in smaller groups focused on a shared purpose or activity.

The Small Group Ministry Committee invites you to participate in one of the many available groups. Each in some way, supports our shared vision to pursue community, spirituality and/or justice.

The most current information about our offerings will be updated on our website [**https://uucleveland.org/**](https://uucleveland.org/)on the Small Groups page under the Community Menu.

Contact us at [smallgroups@uucleveland.org](about:blank) if you have questions!

*Please visit our website (uucleveland.org) to check the most current enrollment status of these and other small groups.*

*You can enroll for open groups via the Sign Up Genius links provided.*

**A Novel Idea (All Fiction Book Group)-*Open to New Members***

***Meets: 2nd Mondays 7:00 PM in the UUCC Library***

Each month, we will vote as a group on the book to read and discuss for the next month. We will read some classic literature and some new books just for entertainment or escape. Reading fiction gives us the optimism and the hope that our tiny reading lights can be enough to start covering our entire horizon.

**All Around Town Waitlist for new members**

**Meets: 3rd Saturdays 6:30PM at group-selected locations**

This is a group for adventurous diners who enjoy eating out at restaurants throughout the Greater Cleveland area. We welcome all adults, any gender, single, partnered, etc. Each person must register separately due to space limitations. This group meets the 3rd Saturday of most months throughoutthe year, 6:30-8:30 PM-ish.

**Artist’s Hive: *Open to New Members***

***Meets: 2nd Fridays 7:00PM to 9:30PM at UUCC***

This group offers dedicated time to immerse yourself in your art projects in a shared, supportive space with other creatives. Bring your painting, drawing, beading, collaging, hand sewing or other work-in-progress and be inspired by or just be in community with others who value and thrive on creative energy. This is not a "how to," though we may freely share ideas and techniques organically. We will meet in the conference room on the 2nd floor where there is some table space, a couch, and a counter where one could put a tabletop easel.

**Authentic Diversity: *Open to New Members***

***Meets: 3rd Mondays 7:00PM to 9:00PM***

This covenant group creates space to support each other in doing the personal and congregational work to manifest the Beloved Community that welcomes everyone. This group meets on third Mondays from 7-9pm.

**Cancer Survivor Support Group: *Open to New Members***

***Meets: Fixed time TBD***

This group is for those who have had a diagnosis of cancer, with or without treatment, and their partners. The meetings will start with some kind of structured discussion from a list of topics which have been co-created by the group. The goal of the group is to offer a supportive, confidential community during treatment and recovery.

This group will meet monthly at a mutually agreed upon time beginning in September 2024. Times under consideration include a Tuesday or Thursday evening, or a weekday morning. Please comment on your preference when you sign up.

**Cheers to a Night Out: *Waitlist – Check out Cheers 2***

***Meets: 1st Thursdays from 5:00PM to 7:00 PM***

Women meet for eats, drinks, and conversation at a different restaurant each month all year round.

**Cheers to a Night Out 2: *Open to New Members***

***Meets: Fixed time TBD***

Women meet for eats, drinks, and conversation at a different restaurant each month all year round. This group has begun to meet.

**Circle of Friends: *Open to New Members***

**Meets 2nd Wednesdays 7:00 PM in the church library**

Circle of Friends is a friendly, welcoming group of women in all stages of life. We share and discuss a chosen topic at each meeting. Typical topics have included gratitude, resilience, dealing with change, stages of life and spirituality. We rotate the group leadership in keeping with our mission of sharing. We contribute to the church or community through a project selected by the group.

**Couples Connecting: *Open to New Members***

**Meets 2nd Saturday (or TBD) at 6:30 at each other’s homes**

Couples take turns hosting the group either in their homes (potluck), a restaurant, a park, or other agreed-upon venue for friendship and meaningful conversation. (Limited to 5 couples.)

**Couples, Cuisine and Conversation: *Open to New Members***

***Meets TBD at each other’s homes***

This group has recently formed and is still accepting new members.

Couples take turns hosting the group either in their homes (potluck), a restaurant, a park, or other agreed-upon venue for friendship and meaningful conversation.

**Friendship for Women: *Open to New Members***

***Meets 2nd Mondays from 2:00-3:30 PM.***

Women’s group to deepen friendships and discuss topics chosen by a different member of the group each month.

**Laughter In Our Lives: *Waitlist for New Members***

***Meets* 1st Saturdays 9:30-10:30 AM.**

Women gather for breakfast as they share experiences, poetry, music, books, articles and humor that reflect the lighter side of life. Bring your positive energy to learn, laugh, and smile together.

**Men’s Group**

**Meets 2nd Mondays from 6:00- 7:30 PM**

***Open to New Members***

The Men’s Group provides an opportunity for men to discuss common issues that men face when they retire or consider retiring.

**Needlers: Knitting, Crocheting and Other Handiwork:**

***Meets: 1st Saturdays 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM UUCC Library***

***Always open to new members or drop-ins***

Do you enjoy doing hand work with others?  Want to learn a new skill, or get advice from others with more experience? Do you just want to gather with others, meet new people, have a lively conversation?  This is an open group. We welcome UUCC members as well as people who just want to gather. Bring a friend.

**Poetry: *Open to New Members***

***Meets: 2nd Tuesdays 7:00PM-9:00PM UUCC Library***

Each month we meet on the second Tuesday from 7-9 in the UUCC Library to share poems. Participants bring their favorite author's work to share, or poems they are working on, or have written in the past. We welcome diverse community, ranging from beginners to professionals.

**Post-Retirement (Women)**

***Meets 1st Mondays at 3:00 – usually at UUCC.***

This group is for women of post-retirement age who would like to explore together the issues relevant to their lives and society from the vantage point of life experiences and wisdom gained*.*

**Pride For All Ages**

***Meets 4th Sundays 11:30-1:00 at UUCC and other events as scheduled***

**Open to New Members**

This intergenerational LGBTQ+ group is a social group that includes activism and serves as a congregational resource. The group is open to all who identify as LGBTQ+, regardless of age. The group meets monthly to socialize, discuss topics, and plan activities. The group will additionally sponsor events, engage actively in UUCC and the broader community, and serve as a resource to the congregation on LGBTQ+ issues, and/or other goals and activities as set by the group.

**Second Saturday Walking Group**

This group is for folks who are lovers of the outdoors and walking and would like to participate in moderate hikes at local parks and woody areas. 2nd Saturdays from 9:30-11:00 AM, locations as agreed to by the group.

**Soul Matters Sunday**

**Meets: 3rd Sunday of the month at 11:30 in the Baker Room**

**Accepting New Members**

**Third Saturday Walking Group**

This group is for folks who are lovers of the outdoors and walking and would like to participate in moderate hikes at local parks and woody areas.  Meets 3rd  Saturdays from 9:30-11:00 AM, locations as agreed to by the group

**Tuesday Readers**

The group gathers to discuss a monthly book selection, 1st Tuesdays at 7:00 PM v**ia** Zoom. The group chooses from the full range of fiction or non-fiction, informative or enjoyable, current or classic. The choices will be available either in print or e-readers, preferably available through the public libraries.

**Wisdom Seekers**

We are a group of men on the back nine of our lives. There is no stated age limit and we welcome anyone who wishes to seek and share wisdom with older men.  Members range from 65 to 95 and we certainly would welcome some younger men. Meets 2nd Wednesday of each month at 10:00 am to 12:00 via Zoom or in person.