



**FIRST UNITED  
METHODIST CHURCH**  
Brighton • Whitmore Lake



**Becoming WHOLE**  
OPPORTUNITIES TO GROW IN FAITH

*Winter 2020*



**All-Church Lenten Study -  
*Mosaic* by Shane Stanford  
Coming in February 2020**

In this study we will examine how the God of the universe uses the broken pieces of our lives to reframe our purpose, turning our discarded hopes and dreams into something beautiful and useful, a mosaic in which God uses all of the pieces.

"This journey will take us along the same path Jesus walked in the days surrounding his journey to Jerusalem. We will see the similarities to our own stories as well as the lessons we should pick, like pebbles along the path." Shane Stafford

This seven-session study is for both group and individual use. There is one lesson for each week in Lent. Each lesson includes a key Scripture reference, a brief reading, questions for reflection or discussion, a brief prayer, and guided helps for daily Scripture reading and additional reflection in the coming week.

Study guides will be available in early February. Small group sign-ups for *Mosaic* begin Sunday, February 2.



Location codes used in this booklet:

(B) = Brighton Campus

(W) = Whitmore Lake Campus

(O) = Offsite

# What To Do:

1. Complete the Real Discipleship Survey online at <http://realdiscipleshipsurvey.com/survey/take.html> to discover your progress toward becoming WHOLE. **Our Church Code is COKqfg.** The survey is confidential. See Rev. Bob Fuchs, Associate Pastor, if you need assistance.
2. Review the offerings in this booklet. Use what you find out in step 1 to help you select the groups you would like to participate in. Include groups that you are already active in and will continue to take part in this semester.
3. Write the Group Names for your selections on the back of your Connection Card or register online at [www.brightonfumc.org](http://www.brightonfumc.org).
4. Make sure your name, e-mail address and phone number are on the front of your Connection Card.
5. Place your Connection Card in the offering plate or give it to an usher or staff member.
6. Group leaders will contact you in advance of the first meeting for each of your selections.

**Childcare is available for all groups upon request.**

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# WORSHIP

Day & Time:	Description:
<p>Thursdays 7:00-8:30 pm Code W1</p>	<p><b>Adult Choir (B)</b> High school age and older Share your vocal gifts by bringing music to worship on Sunday mornings. Led by Susan Snow</p>
<p>Wednesdays 7:00-8:30 pm Code W2</p>	<p><b>Echoes of Praise - Handbell Choir (B)</b> Share the gift of music in worship on Sunday mornings once each month. All experience levels are welcome. Led by Susan Snow</p>
<p>Sundays 7:00-9:00 pm Ongoing Code W3</p>	<p><b>Worship Band (B/W)</b> Do you play an instrument? Do you sing? Have you ever wanted to start? Be part of the band! We have a wonderful time praising God through music; sharing our gifts at the Acoustic Worship at our Whitmore Lake Campus and Band Led Worship @11 at our Brighton Campus. We need more voices and every instrument. Willingness to make a joyful noise required. No other experience necessary. Led by Mike Tooman and Erik Harp</p>

**Sunday Worship:**

8:00 am- Traditional Worship (B)  
 9:30 am- Traditional Worship (B)  
 9:30 am– Acoustic Worship (W)  
 11:00 am- Band Led Worship @11 (B)  
 Young Disciples at 9:30 am (B/W)  
 Young Disciples at 11:00 am (B)



# HOSPITALITY

Day & Time:	Description:
Sundays Code H1	<p align="center"><b>Coffee Hour Host (B/W)</b></p> <p>This ministry provides everyone with a place to gather and be in relationship before and after worship. Help set up morning snacks and beverages. Once a year, or more often if you would like. No cooking skills required. Coordinated by Donna Dibert</p>
Sundays Code H2	<p align="center"><b>Usher (B/W)</b></p> <p>Welcome worshippers and assist people to be seated. Assist with offering and communion. Coordinated by Bruce Stark, Bill Thorsen, and Ruth Shelp</p>
Sundays Code H3	<p align="center"><b>Greeter (B/W)</b></p> <p>Greet Sunday morning worshippers at the entrance to the church - 20 minutes before worship to 10 minutes after worship begins. Coordinated by Maggie Shrier</p>
Sundays 9:15-10:45 am Code H4	<p align="center"><b>Nursery Volunteer (B/W)</b></p> <p>Provide safe, secure, and nurturing care to little ones, ages 0-4 during Sunday morning worship.</p>
Fit to your Schedule Code H5	<p align="center"><b>Sanctuary Guild (B/W)</b></p> <p>Place information in the sanctuary for worship. Coordinated by Karen Wagg</p>
Fit to your Schedule Code H6	<p align="center"><b>Children's Busy Bags (B/W)</b></p> <p>Fill Busy Bags with quiet activities for children in worship. Coordinated by Karen Wagg</p>
As Needed Code H7	<p align="center"><b>Volunteer Office Assistant (B)</b></p> <p>Be part of a team that helps with various office tasks. Coordinated by Wendy Carmack</p>



## OPEN TO AND OBEYING JESUS

Day & Time:	Description:
<p>Sundays 11:00 am-noon Begins Jan. 19 Code O1</p>	<p><b><i>Eat This Book (W)</i></b> In <i>Eat This Book</i>, Eugene H. Peterson challenges us to read the Scriptures on their own terms, as God's revelation, and to live them as we read them. Take part in fascinating conversations on the nature of language, the ancient practice of lectio divina, and the role of Scripture translations. Led by Rev. Bob Fuchs</p>
<p>Day and Time TBD Code O2</p>	<p><b><i>New Member Class - A Disciple's Path (B)</i></b> Make a commitment to the mission &amp; vision of First Church. Learn the foundations of faith &amp; church membership. This three session class is also an excellent refresher for current members and their understanding of what it means to be United Methodist. Led by Rev. Dr. Sherry Parker-Lewis</p>
<p>Tuesdays 7:00-8:00 pm Begins Jan. 21 Code O3</p>	<p><b><i>Holy Love (B)</i></b> Author Steve Harper presents a fresh, rigorous, concise, theological examination of the Bible's teaching on human sexuality. Holy Love is for anyone interested in understanding the Bible's teaching on this fundamental component of human life, making the constructive case that biblical, Christian teaching is compatible with faithful, covenantal love and intimacy amidst all sexual orientations. Led by Ann Birchmeier</p>
<p>Thursdays 9:30-11:00 am Begins Jan. 23 Code O4</p>	<p><b><i>Women of the Word (B)</i></b> Discuss a variety of books, from Bible studies to contemporary books. Discussion leads to discoveries about ourselves and our faith as we connect with each other. Led by Hilary Bott</p>



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Day & Time:	Description:
<p>Tuesdays 7:00-8:30 pm Begins Jan. 21 Code O5</p>	<p><b><i>Disciple IV - Under the Tree of Life (O)</i></b>            This group will study and discuss Old Testament writings, the Gospel of John, and the Epistles of John, James and Jude. Emphasis on the Psalms as Israel's hymnbook and prayer book leads to an emphasis on worship in the study.            Led by John Phillips            Hosted by Deb de Laski-Smith and Gene Smith</p>
<p>Wednesdays 9:30-11:00 am Begins Jan. 22 Code O6</p>	<p><b><i>Wednesday Study Group (B)</i></b>            Take part in a deeper discussion of a book or study selected by the group. Be part of the discussion around Bible studies, weekly sermons, or contemporary Christian books.            Led by Sue Urban</p>
<p>Wednesdays 7:00-8:00 pm Begins Jan. 22 Code O7</p>	<p><b><i>Online Study Group</i></b>            Take part in this online bible/book study from the comfort of your home, from work, or anywhere in the world. We will use ZOOM Conferencing technology by computer, notepad or smart phone.            Pastor Sherry will offer tutorial in using the technology.            Led by Rev. Dr. Sherry-Parker Lewis</p>
<p>Wednesdays 7:00-8:30 pm Begins Jan. 22 Code O8</p>	<p><b><i>Small Group - Finding God in the Hard Times (O)</i></b>            In this inspiring book, Matt and Beth Redman draw on their experiences as well as those of others, exploring how to offer praise even in the face of hardship and pain. Focusing on the psalms, many of which were written out of struggle, they show how difficult or tragic circumstances--and our choices--can propel us toward God or away from him, build up our faith or break it. Learn how to ride out the storms of life with a cry of "blessed be your name" on your lips.            Led by Greg Guise            Hosted by Sherry and Rick Slade</p>



## LIVING IN RELATIONSHIPS

Day & Time:	Description:
<p>Sundays 9:15-10:30 am Ongoing Code L1</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sunday Study Group (B)</b> Ask questions, search, be part of the discussion and explore our world from a perspective of Jesus. Facilitated by Kathy Stahl and Bruce Stark</p>
<p>Sundays 6:30-8:00 pm Ongoing Code L2</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Pub Theology (O)</b> New topics each week keep the discussion varied and interesting. All perspectives welcome! Meets at Brewery Becker, 500 W. Main Street, Brighton on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Sunday of the month and at Captain Joe's Grill, 9901 Main Street, Whitmore Lake on the 2nd and 4th Sunday. Facilitated by Al Cockerill</p>
<p>Mondays Monthly Ongoing Code L3</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Monday Lunch and Learn (B)</b> Spend time learning about a variety of topics over a meal one Monday a month. Coordinated by Stephanie Nichoff</p>
<p>Fridays 3:30-4:30 pm Ongoing Code L4</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Friday Fellowship Group (O)</b> This group is a time for fellowship, sharing our journey to faith and studying God's word through the Upper Room, Bible studies and Sunday sermons. Facilitated by Tracy Pearsall</p>
<p>Saturdays 8:30-10:00 am Ongoing Code L5</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Men of Faith (B)</b> Join this men's group in the Brighton Campus library for coffee, food, fellowship &amp; informal discussion. Led by John Phillips</p>



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Day & Time:

Description:

### Life Groups—Spend time with others living life together.

Outings are planned on a monthly basis  
Code L6

#### Nature Nuts (O)

Join this group of women who enjoy spending time together in nature; hiking, kayaking, canoeing, camping, etc.  
Led by Joanne Schmidt

2nd Friday  
6:30 pm  
Ongoing  
Code L7

#### Craft & Praise (B/W)

Bring your own craft project and supplies. Share laughter and stories with friends. Alternates between campuses monthly.  
Coordinated by Stephanie Nichoff and Karen Wagg

### United Methodist Women (UMW)

UMW is committed to developing a creative, supportive, fellowship among women of all ages; participating in global missions of our greater church.

**Full group meeting the 3rd Thursday of the month at noon.**

#### UMW Mary & Martha Circle (B)

Focus on mission and service. Communication by e-mail.

1st Tuesday  
7:00 pm

#### UMW Dorcas Circle (B)

First Tuesday of the month

1st Thursday  
7:00 pm

#### UMW Phoebe Circle (B)

First Thursday of the month

1st Thursday  
10:00 am

#### UMW Rebekah Circle (B)

First Thursday of the month

1st Wednesday  
9:30 am

#### UMW Sara Lewis Circle (B)

First Wednesday of the month

1st Wednesday  
1:00 pm

#### UMW Sojourner Truth Circle (B)

First Wednesday of the month



## ENTHUSIASTIC SERVICE AND GENEROSITY

Day & Time:	Description:
Mondays 9:00 am Ongoing Code E1	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Prayers and Squares (B)</b></p> <p>Take part in creating the prayer quilts that we give to those in need of prayer and comfort. No experience necessary.            Coordinated by Carol Riffe</p>
Mondays 6:00 pm Ongoing Code E2	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Prayer Shawl Knitters (O)</b></p> <p>This group meets at Panera Bread, 8365 W. Grand River Ave. Create beautiful prayer shawls &amp; other items. Experienced &amp; novice knitters are welcome.            Coordinated by Deacon Loretta Job</p>
Mondays 6:30-8:00 pm Begins Feb. 3 Code E3	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Financial Peace University (W)</b></p> <p>Planning for the future is hard when you're still paying for the past! There's a better way! Together we'll learn how to beat debt and make a plan for the future. This nine-week class will show you how to get rid of debt, manage your money, spend and save wisely and much more.            Led by Rev. Bob Fuchs</p>
1st Tuesday 6:25 pm Ongoing Code E4	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Games at Regency of Whitmore Lake (O)</b></p> <p>Come and take part in the fun! Connect with Regency residents while playing bingo and other games.            8633 Main Street, Whitmore Lake            Coordinated by June Possley and Laurie Clement</p>
Thursdays 9:30-11:00 am Ongoing Code E5	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Prayer Team (B)</b></p> <p>Experience the power of prayer by praying for the needs of our congregation and community.            Led by Kris Phillips</p>



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Day & Time:	Description:
During School Hours Code E6	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Whitmore Lake Elementary School</b>  <b>Classroom Helper (O)</b>            Assist teachers and students in reading and other subjects during school hours.            Coordinated by Pat Mowry</p>
Monthly Ongoing 12:30 pm Code E7	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Mill Pond Manor Monthly Lunch &amp; Fun (O)</b>            614 N. 2nd Street, Brighton            Enjoy lunch, friendly conversation and a fun game or activity.            Coordinated by Sally Hendricks</p>
Tuesdays 8:30 am Ongoing Code E8	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Men with Tools (B)</b>            Begin the morning with a brief study, then join in fellowship and “handyman” work. No experience or skills required.            Coordinated by Dan Welton</p>
1st Saturday 8:00 am-noon Ongoing Code E9	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Bountiful Harvest (O)</b>            This food pantry is located at First Presbyterian Church of Brighton. Serve breakfast, help people shop in the food pantry, bag and carry groceries out to cars.            Children and youth are welcome helpers!            Coordinated by Greg Kushner</p>
Saturdays 6:00 am Ongoing Code E10	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>St. Andrew’s Breakfast Ministry (O)</b>            Join this monthly ministry and travel to Ann Arbor to prepare and serve breakfast to people in need.            Coordinated by Bill Drabing</p>
Saturdays 8:00 am Ongoing Code E11	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Cass Community Social Services (O)</b>            Travel with a mission team once a month to Detroit to work on projects that assist the homeless and those in transition.            Coordinated by Greg Guise</p>

# Questions?

**Questions about group offerings, Walk to Emmaus, finding or being a Spiritual Guide or Discipleship Coach, contact:**

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