



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



**Becoming WHOLE**  
OPPORTUNITIES TO GROW IN FAITH

*Winter 2021*



Have you ever wished there was something like “United Methodist Netflix” that would allow you to watch Christian videos from the comfort of your own home? Wouldn’t it be great to have access to videos of preachers, authors, and theologians from a Wesleyan perspective that could help you grow in your faith? Now there is! We are excited to share with members and friends of Brighton and Whitmore Lake First UMC a free video streaming resource called Amplify Media. Whether you are watching alone, with your family or small group from church, there is something for all ages, from children to adults, to help you grow in your knowledge, love and service towards God.

To begin watching online, and growing as a disciple of Jesus Christ, follow these steps:

1. Go to:  
<https://my.amplifymedia.com/amplify/register>.
2. Click on the purple box that says, “Click here to enter code.” In the box that requests an access code, use: WMRSFK.
3. Complete the registration form and enjoy Amplify Media!

For assistance or questions, contact Wendy Carmack or Karen Wagg in the Main Office at 810-229-8561.



Location codes used in this booklet: (Z) = Zoom  
(B) = Brighton Campus      (W) = Whitmore Lake Campus      (O) = Offsite

# What To Do:

1. Complete the Real Discipleship Survey online at:  
**<https://discipleshipsurvey.com/1/member.php>** or visit  
**[discipleshipsurvey.com](https://discipleshipsurvey.com)** to discover your progress toward  
Becoming WHOLE. **Our Church Code is COKqfg.** The survey is  
confidential. See Rev. Lindsey Hall, 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 Code for your selections on your Digital  
Connection Card or register online at: **[www.brightonfumc.org](http://www.brightonfumc.org)**.  
You may also call the church office to register: 810-229-8561.
4. Make sure your name, e-mail address and phone number are on  
the form.
5. Group leaders will contact you in advance of the first meeting  
for each of your selections.
6. All groups will follow the Phase Guidelines as mandated by the  
COVID-19 Task Force of First United Methodist Church of  
Brighton and Whitmore Lake.

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## WORSHIP

Day & Time:	Description:
Thursdays 7:00-8:30 pm Zoom Code W1	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Adult Choir (Z)</b>            High School Age and Older            Share your vocal gifts by bringing music to worship on Sunday mornings. Adapted for COVID-19 Phases.            Led by Susan Snow - <a href="mailto:susan@brightonfumc.org">susan@brightonfumc.org</a></p>
Wednesdays As Able 7:00-8:30 pm Code W2	<p style="text-align: center;"><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 - <a href="mailto:susan@brightonfumc.org">susan@brightonfumc.org</a></p>
Sundays 7:00-9:00 pm Ongoing Location TBD Code W3	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Worship Band (B/W/Z)</b>            Do you play an instrument? Do you sing? Have you ever wanted to start? Be part of the band, praising God through music. Share your gifts during worship. Willingness to make a joyful noise required. No other experience necessary.            Led by Mike Tooman - <a href="mailto:mike@brightonfumc.org">mike@brightonfumc.org</a></p>
Sundays Code W4	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Liturgist (B)</b>            Liturgists participate in Sunday worship by leading the opening prayer and reading scripture.            Contact: Kelly Myers - <a href="mailto:kmyers@myers2law.com">kmyers@myers2law.com</a></p>
Sundays Code W5	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Worship Host (B)</b>            Worship hosts are lay servants who participate in Sunday worship by leading the congregational prayer.            Contact: Susan Snow - <a href="mailto:susan@brightonfumc.org">susan@brightonfumc.org</a></p>
Sundays Code W6	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Tech Board and Video Production</b>            Learn about video production and running the tech board to help sustain streaming worship on Sunday mornings.            Contact: Susan Snow - <a href="mailto:susan@brightonfumc.org">susan@brightonfumc.org</a>            or Gene Smith - <a href="mailto:imgsmith@aol.com">imgsmith@aol.com</a></p>



## HOSPITALITY

Day & Time:	Description:
Sundays Code H1	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Usher (B/W)</b></p> <p>Welcome worshippers and assist people to be seated. Assist with offering and communion. Adapted for COVID-19 Phases. Coordinated by Bruce Stark - bstark@andersonexpress.com Mike &amp; Laura Kelly - mlkelly634@gmail.com</p>
Sundays Code H2	<p style="text-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. Adapted for COVID-19 Phases. Coordinated by Maggie Shrier - margarshr@aol.com</p>
Fit to Your Schedule Code H3	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sanctuary Guild (B/W)</b></p> <p>Place information in the sanctuary for worship when we return to indoor worship. Adapted for COVID-19 Phases. Coordinated by Karen Wagg - karen@brightonfumc.org</p>
Fit to Your Schedule Code H4	<p style="text-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 - karen@brightonfumc.org</p>
As Needed Code H5	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Volunteer Office Assistant (B)</b></p> <p>Be part of a team that helps with various office tasks. Adapted for COVID-19 Phases. Coordinated by Wendy Carmack - wendy@brightonfumc.org</p>



## OPEN TO AND OBEYING JESUS

Day & Time:	Description:
<p>Mondays 7:30 pm Apr. 12, 19 &amp; 26 Zoom Code O1</p>	<p><b>New Member Class - A Disciple's Path (Z)</b>            What is unique about the United Methodist Church?            Who was John Wesley?            What does it mean to be a disciple of Jesus Christ?            You are invited to join Pastor Lindsey for a three-week study on <i>The Disciple's Path</i> by James Harnish as we explore these questions and many more.            Following the study, participants will be invited to join in church membership during worship on Sunday morning, May 2.            Led by Pastor Lindsey Hall - lindsey@brightonfumc.org</p>
<p>Tuesdays 1:00-2:00 pm Begins Jan. 26 Zoom Code O2</p>	<p><b>Bible Study - Philippians (Z)</b>            Paul wrote Philippians from a prison cell. The book tells us that his chains became key to sharing his faith with the prison guard. Join Rev. Jon Reynolds on a 4 week study on the book of Philippians. Read and study one chapter each week. Explore what it means to "have the same mind as Christ Jesus."            We hope to see you in the class.            Led by Rev. Jon Reynolds - jon@brightonfumc.org</p>
<p>Wednesdays 7:00-8:30 pm Begins Jan. 13 Zoom Code O3</p>	<p><b>Small Group (Z)</b>            This group's focus is Bible study and discussion.            Hosted by Deb deLaski-Smith - ddelaski@emich.edu            and Gene Smith - imgsmith@aol.com</p>
<p>Wednesdays 9:30-11:00 am Begins Feb. 17 Zoom Code O4</p>	<p><b>Wednesday Study Group (Z)</b>            This group will be on hiatus until Lent.            Be part of the discussion around the all Lenten study, <i>The Way</i>.            Led by Sue Urban - ssnurban@gmail.com</p>



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Day & Time:	Description:
Wednesdays Monthly 8:00 pm Zoom Code O5	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>A Bigger Methodist Table (Z)</b></p> <p>A Bigger Methodist Table is a Reconciling Ministries Network community that welcomes and affirms people of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions. The group's purpose is to create a culture of inclusion for all persons into the full life and ministry of First United Methodist Church of Brighton and Whitmore Lake. Led by Gwynne Attarian - attarianfamily@gmail.com</p>
Thursdays 8:00 pm Begins Jan. 14 Zoom Code O6	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Social Media - Social Ministry Book Study (Z)</b></p> <p>Explore how social media can be an extension of the church and a space for digital discipleship in this six-week study Facilitated by Suzanne Everett - suzanne@brightonfumc.org.</p>
Thursdays 9:30-11:00 am Zoom Code O7	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Women of the Word (B/Z)</b></p> <p>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. Adapted for COVID-19 Phases. Meets outside, weather permitting or Zoom. Led by Hilary Bott - hilary.bott@gmail.com</p>

## Questions?

**Questions about group offerings, Walk to Emmaus, finding or being a Spiritual Guide or Discipleship Coach, contact: Rev. Lindsey Hall [lindsey@brightonfumc.org](mailto:lindsey@brightonfumc.org) - (810)229-8561**



## LIVING IN RELATIONSHIPS

Day & Time:	Description:
Sundays 12:30-1:30 pm Ongoing Zoom Code L1	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sunday Study Group (Z)</b></p> Use The Upper Room daily devotional to discuss, ask questions and explore our world from a perspective of Jesus. Facilitated by Kathy Stahl - kstahl318@sbcglobal.net and Bruce Stark - bstark@andersonexpress.com
Sundays 6:30-8:00 pm Ongoing Code L2	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Pub Theology (O/Z)</b></p> New topics each week keep the discussion varied and interesting. All perspectives welcome! Meets at Brewery Becker, 500 W. Main Street, Brighton or via Zoom Facilitated by Al Cockerill - ccockeri@ford.com
Saturdays 8:30-10:00 am Zoom Code L3	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>People of Faith (Z)</b></p> This group may be currently meeting via Zoom, but there is no shortage of fellowship and informal discussion. Led by John Phillips - john.d.phillips@comcast.net
Outings are planned on a monthly basis Code L4	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Nature Nuts (O)</b></p> Join this group of women who enjoy spending time together in nature; hiking, kayaking, canoeing, camping, etc. Led by Joanne Schmidt - joannjschmidt@yahoo.com
2nd Friday 6:30 pm Ongoing Code L5	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Craft &amp; Praise (B/W)</b></p> Bring your own craft project and supplies. Share laughter and stories with friends. Alternates between campuses, monthly. We will meet as able according to the COVID-19 Phases. Coordinated by Karen Wagg - karen@brightonfumc.org and Stephanie M. Nichoff - stephanie@brightonfumc.org
Wednesdays 7:00-8:30 pm Ongoing Zoom Code L6	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Small Group (Z)</b></p> Connect with others in meaningful ways as disciples of Jesus. This group is using Amplify Media to enhance study and discussion. Hosted by Rick and Sherry Slade - slader59@gmail.com



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Day & Time:	Description:
1st & 3rd Sundays 8:00-9:00 pm Begins Feb. 7 Code L7	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Mom's Group (Z)</b></p> <p>Calling all moms with young kids! Pastor Lindsey is starting a <b>NEW</b> small group for moms with young kids—babies, toddlers, preschoolers, and elementary kids. Mamas of middle schoolers and high school kids are welcome too! Get to know other moms from our church community, invite a friend from outside of our church community and join us on Zoom when the kids are (hopefully) in bed! Enjoy a safe space. Find support as a mom. Share prayer together. Center yourself in God's grace for a moment. Leave refreshed and ready to keep the plates spinning again. As the group forms, we will discuss the needs of the group and decide if we'd like to do a book study, podcast, video study, etc. Contact Pastor Lindsey - <a href="mailto:lindsey@brightonfumc.org">lindsey@brightonfumc.org</a></p>
Tuesday Jan 19 8:00-9:00 pm Zoom Code L8	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Coffee &amp; Conversation (Z)</b></p> <p>How did you get connected to First United Methodist? What do you love about our congregation? What are your hopes and dreams for the future?</p> <p>Brew a hot cup of coffee, enjoy some tea, and join Pastors Lindsey and Jon for "Coffee &amp; Conversation" with other church members on zoom from the comfort of your home. Facilitated by Pastor Lindsey - <a href="mailto:lindsey@brightonfumc.org">lindsey@brightonfumc.org</a> and Pastor Jon - <a href="mailto:jon@brightonfumc.org">jon@brightonfumc.org</a></p>
Sunday Jan 24 8:00-9:00 pm Zoom Code L9	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Coffee &amp; Conversation (Z)</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">See above for details.</p>
Sunday Jan 31 8:00-9:00 pm Zoom Code L10	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Coffee &amp; Conversation (Z)</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">See above for details.</p>



## LIVING IN RELATIONSHIPS

Day & Time:	Description:
<p>Saturdays 10:00-11:30 am Begins Jan. 23 Zoom Code L11</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Grief Support Group (Z)</b></p> <p>Please join us each week for the purpose of mutual support and encouragement as you process through your grief and loss. Being with others who share a similar experience can be of great comfort as each person gives and receives support gaining strength to face the long grief journey ahead. We will work through various needs and topics relating to grief such as learning how grief impacts one’s life, identifying and implementing healthy coping skills. We believe that having someone to openly share your thoughts and feelings without judgement will help to continue your journey to healing.</p> <p>We will meet via Zoom on Saturdays from 10-11:30 am, starting on January 23 for 10 sessions. January 23, 30, February 6, 13, 20, 27, March 6, 13, 20, 27.</p> <p>There will be a limit of 12 participants, open to anyone who has experienced the loss of a loved one.</p> <p>Facilitated by Rev. Latha Ravi, Samaritan Counseling Center Contact Pastor Lindsey - <a href="mailto:lindsey@brightonfumc.org">lindsey@brightonfumc.org</a></p>
<p>Schedule TBD Team Meetings and Practices Begin in April Code L12</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Church Softball (O)</b></p> <p>Join one of our <b>NEW</b> spring and summer co-ed church softball teams! Be in fellowship while enjoying beautiful Michigan spring and summer evenings. Play against other local area church softball teams. Outreach and community service opportunities will be part of the lineup this season, too.</p> <p>Anyone at least 15 years-old, whether a first-time player or a skilled experienced player, is welcome to participate.</p> <p>Contact Charles or Meghann Calvin 810-923-9374 - <a href="mailto:firstunitedsoftball@gmail.com">firstunitedsoftball@gmail.com</a></p>



## LIVING IN RELATIONSHIPS

Day & Time:	Description:
<p><b>United Methodist Women (UMW)</b>            UMW is committed to developing a creative, supportive, fellowship among women of all ages; participating in global missions of our greater church.  <b>Full group meeting the 3rd Thursday of the month at noon.</b>  <b>We will meet as able following the COVID-19 Phases or via Zoom.</b></p>	
TBD	<p><b>UMW Mary &amp; Martha Circle (O)</b>            Focus on mission and service. Communication by e-mail.            Contact: Pauline Schaffer - bp6340@gmail.com</p>
TBD Zoom	<p><b>UMW Dorcas Circle (Z)</b>            Contact: Sue Urban - ssnurban@gmail.com</p>
TBD	<p><b>UMW Phoebe Circle (O)</b>            Contact: Tracy Bruce - tlynnebruce72@gmail.com</p>
TBD	<p><b>UMW Rebekah Circle (O)</b>            Contact: Sandra Everett - nannase1020@gmail.com</p>
1st Wednesday 9:30 am	<p><b>UMW Sarah Lewis Circle (O)</b>            Contact: Joan Tobel - mtobe35@yahoo.com            or Jane Todt - jimtodt@att.net</p>
1st Wednesday 1:00 pm Zoom	<p><b>UMW Sojourner Truth Circle (Z)</b>            Contact: Maggie Shrier - margarshri@aol.com</p>



## ENTHUSIASTIC SERVICE AND GENEROSITY

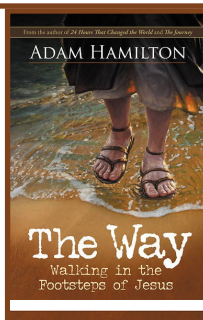
Day & Time:	Description:
Tuesdays 6:00-8:00 pm Ongoing Zoom Code E1	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Prayer Shawl Knitters (Z)</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Create beautiful prayer shawls and other items.            Experienced and novice knitters are welcome.            Coordinated by Deacon Loretta Job - <a href="mailto:loretta.m.job@gmail.com">loretta.m.job@gmail.com</a></p>
Tuesdays As Permitted 9:00 am Ongoing Code E2	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Men with Tools (B)</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Begin the morning with a brief study, then join in fellowship and “handyman” work. No experience or skills required.            Coordinated by Dan Welton - <a href="mailto:danwelton1@yahoo.com">danwelton1@yahoo.com</a></p>
1st Tuesday As Permitted 6:25 pm Ongoing Code E3	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Games at Regency of Whitmore Lake (O)</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">8633 Main Street, Whitmore Lake</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Come and take part in the fun! Connect with Regency residents while playing bingo and other games. Temporarily suspended due to COVID-19. Group notifications will be sent when this community outreach can resume.            Coordinated by June Possley - <a href="mailto:jpossley@umich.edu">jpossley@umich.edu</a>            and Laurie Clement - <a href="mailto:laurelclem25@gmail.com">laurelclem25@gmail.com</a></p>
Your Schedule Ongoing Code E5	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Prayers and Squares (O)</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Take part in creating the prayer quilts that we give to those in need of prayer and comfort. No experience necessary.            Adapted for COVID-19 Phases.            Coordinated by Carol Riffe - <a href="mailto:carolriffe@mac.com">carolriffe@mac.com</a></p>



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Day & Time:	Description:
TBD Ongoing Code E6	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Prayer Team (Z)</b></p> <p>Experience the power of prayer by praying for the needs of our congregation and community. Adapted for COVID-19 Phases. Led by Kris Phillips - mysisterandme@yahoo.com</p>
Your Schedule As Permitted Code E7	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Whitmore Lake Elementary School Classroom Helper (O)</b></p> <p>Assist teachers and students in reading and other subjects during school hours. Adapted for COVID-19 Phases. Coordinated by Pat Mowry - mowry33@gmail.com</p>
Monthly As Permitted Code E8	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Mill Pond Manor Monthly Lunch &amp; Fun (O)</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">614 N. 2nd Street, Brighton Adapted for COVID-19 Phases. Coordinated by Sally Hendricks - sallyshendricks@gmail.com</p>
Saturdays Monthly 6:00 am Ongoing Code E9	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>St. Andrew's Breakfast Ministry (O)</b></p> <p>Join this monthly ministry and travel to Ann Arbor to prepare and serve breakfast to people in need. Adapted for COVID-19 Phases. Coordinated by Bill Drabing - w_drabing@yahoo.com</p>
Temporarily Suspended Code E10	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Bountiful Harvest (O)</b></p> <p>This food pantry is located at First Presbyterian Church of Brighton. Children and youth are welcome helpers! Coordinated by Greg Kushner - kushner.greg@sbcglobal.net</p>
Saturdays Monthly 8:00 am Ongoing Code E11	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Cass Community Social Services (O)</b></p> <p>Travel with a mission team once a month to Detroit to work on projects that assist the homeless and those in transition. Adapted for COVID-19 Phases. Coordinated by Greg Guise - gggguise@gmail.com</p>

**All-Church Lent Study**  
***The Way: Walking in***  
***the Footsteps of Jesus***  
**by Adam Hamilton**  
**Coming in February**



During Lent you are invited to join our church-wide study of Adam Hamilton's book *The Way: Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus*. Join a small group study or read the book independently. Copies of the book will be available in the church office. Digital and large print copies are also available for purchase through Cokesbury.com and other retailers. A video component compliments the study, which may be viewed on Amplify Media. To register for a free Amplify Media account visit: <https://www.brightonfumc.org/amplify/>

Led by various small group leaders.

Watch your E-News for details or for more information contact the main office: 810-229-8561.

Study guides will be available in early February.

Online group registration for *The Way: Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus* begins Sunday, January 31.



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