

UNIVERSITY UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH

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FALL

FORMATION GUIDE 2024

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SHORT & LONG-TERM STUDIES

DISCIPLE 1: BECOMING DISCIPLES THROUGH BIBLE STUDY

Disciple 1 covers from Genesis to the Book of Revelation, giving the Old and New Testaments equal time. In this study, participants will experience the wholeness of the Bible as a revelation of God. DISCIPLE draws upon the work of scholars, the personal Bible reading and analysis of the participant, and the dynamic group discussion to aid understanding of the Bible. Whether you are a new church member or simply need a “refresher course,” this is a wonderful way to connect with others and gain new insights for the modern age. The first gathering is at 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, August 11th in the UUMC Library.

- Led by Lisa Frost & Emma Burke
- Sunday, August 11th, 2024 - Sunday, May 25th, 2025
- Meeting on Sundays from 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM

SMALL GROUPS

Small Groups or Wesley Groups at University United Methodist Church are opportunities to care for one’s soul while forming a community that you can trust to be in your corner. Wesley Groups meet weekly to study Scripture and do life together. We have groups that are all women, all men, and couples.

This fall, we are launching three new small groups, and would love to add to that number! If you are interested in joining or leading a small group please contact Lauren Broussard LeBoeuf at Lauren@universitymethodist.org.

**Read, discuss, and reflect together with
these weekly study opportunities.**

**To register for a study visit:
Your Church Center App or
www.universitymethodist.org/events/registrations**



SUNDAY MORNING OFFERINGS

Available Every Sunday
9:45 AM - 10:45 AM

Genesis Class | Early 20s, Young Adults, College
Room 213, 2nd floor Trice

Carpenter's Class | Young Professionals and/or Parents
Room 204, 2nd floor Trice

Foundations Class | Couples and Single Adults of Any Age
UUMC Library

Open Door Class | Couples and Single Adults of Any Age
Room 116, 1st floor Trice

CCC-Contemporary Christian Concerns | Adults
UUMC Parlor

LSU LUNCH DATES:

SEPTEMBER 15TH

OCTOBER 20TH

NOVEMBER 17TH



**This FREE lunch is open to all
college students. We gather for
lunch at noon in the UUMC Library.**



UNIVERSITY 101: THE BEGINNING

With Reverend Mary Rachel Moore
Once a Quarter on the Third Sunday of the Month
October 20th | 5:30 PM | Fellowship Hall

Are you a guest or a new member with us?

University 101 is a time to learn more about University UMC and discuss what it means to be a United Methodist with time for any questions you may have. We will have dinner together, have the opportunity to take communion, and take the next step into becoming a member at University UMC if you so choose. We meet every three months and would love to have you!

SPECIAL EVENTS AT UUMC

State of the Church Gathering

Sunday, October 13th | 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM
Fellowship Hall

Gather with us at the State of the Church Gathering to celebrate all that has been accomplished in our second year of the Vision Process for UUMC. Space will be made to process in small groups, ask questions, and give meaningful feedback about the next steps.

Intergenerational Mission Dinner Benefiting Kid's Hope

Sunday, November 10th | 4:30 PM to 6 PM
Fellowship Hall

Advent Day Apart

Saturday, November 30th | 9 AM to 2 PM
Fellowship Hall



PASTOR'S BOOK CLUB

WITH REVEREND KATIE MCKAY SIMPSON

SEPT. 25TH, OCT. 16TH, NOV. 13TH

WEDNESDAYS | 6 - 7:30 PM | FELLOWSHIP HALL

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How to Know a Person

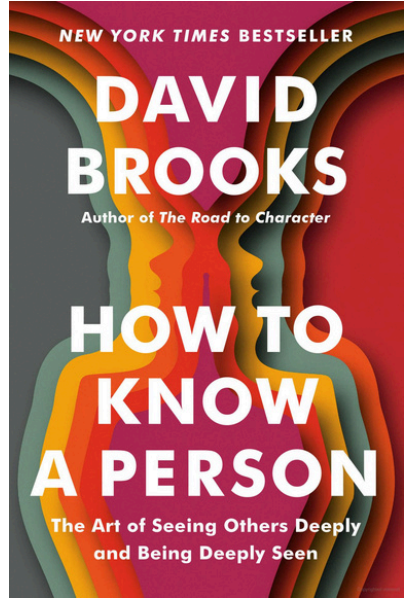
by David Brooks

September 25th | Wednesday | 6:00 PM

How to Know a Person by David Brooks is a compelling exploration of character, revealing how our actions can provide deeper insight into who we truly are. It offers valuable perspectives and strategies for understanding ourselves and others. As David Brooks observes, "There is one skill that lies at the heart of any healthy person, family, school, community organization, or society: the ability to see someone else deeply and make them feel seen—to accurately know another person, to let them feel valued, heard, and understood."

Driven by his trademark sense of curiosity and his determination to grow as a person, Brooks draws from the fields of psychology and neuroscience and from the worlds of theater, philosophy, history, and education to present a welcoming, hopeful, integrated approach to human connection in a fragmented world.

This conversation is for anyone searching for connection, yearning to be understood, or wishing to lead and serve in a way that facilitates meaningful relationships in every space we work and play.



The Church in an Age of Secular Mysticism

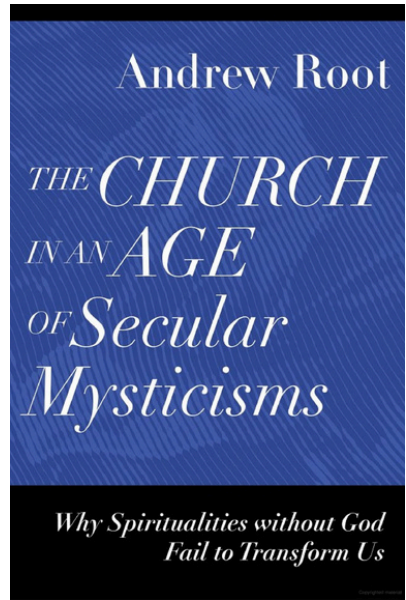
by Andrew Root

October 16th | Wednesday | 6:00 PM

This volume completes the “Ministry in a Secular Age” series, his project in six works, each focused on a significant theme present in the church today. Root uses the word “mysticism” to describe the spiritualities that transform people like you and me. Post-Christian life and society do not eliminate a desire for the transcendent; rather, they create an environment for new and divergent spiritual communities and practices to flourish. We are flooded with spiritualities that appeal to human desires for nonreligious personal transformation.

But many fail to deliver because they fall into the trap of focusing too much on the self, and an adjacent fixation on our own guilt. To help us understand our confusing cultural landscape, he maps spiritualities using twenty of the best memoirs from 2015 to 2020 in which “secular mystics” promote their mystical and transformational pathways.

In this conversation, we will explore through Root’s work the differences between these spiritualities and authentic Christian transformation, making sense of why communal religious practice is actually relevant and desperately needed in the world.

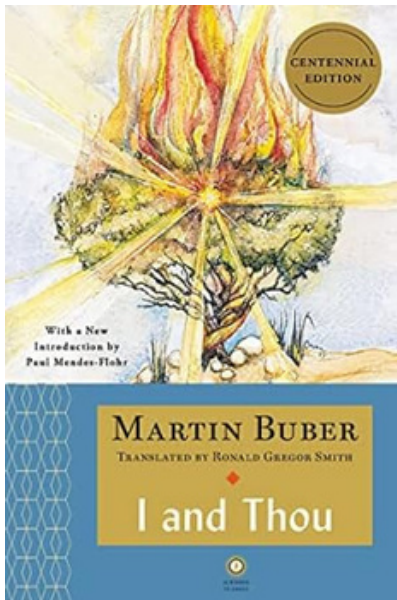


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I and Thou
by Martin Buber

November 13th | Wednesday | 6:00 PM

I and Thou reveals a classic philosophical premise: that human beings have two distinct ways of engaging the world, the one seeing human beings as object (I-It), and the other as subject (I-Thou). Examining human life on the societal level, Buber investigates both society itself and human beings as we exist within society. In this section, Buber claims that modern society leaves man unfulfilled and alienated because it acknowledges only one (I-It) of our modes for engaging the world as valid.



He suggests ultimately how to go about building a fulfilling, meaningful society (a true community) by making proper use of the neglected second mode of engaging the world (I-Thou), and by using this mode to relate to God. In the wake of a difficult election season, people of every kind could be served well to revisit awareness about how we perceive others and the way it might affect our own hearts.

In this conversation about timeless truths, we will collectively explore possibilities and barriers to how to relate to God and neighbor in a healthy way.





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