

Annual Report of Discipleship
First United Methodist Church of Santa Rosa, CA
October 2019

Members of the Discipleship Group: Cathie Bryan, Norm Bryan, Pamala Stephens, Pastor Lori, and Pastor Lindsey.

Purpose: To follow the Great Commission given by Jesus - "Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." Matthew 28:18-20

To make Disciples - "The mission of the Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world" Book of Discipline Section 120

To help fulfill the Mission of FUMC – By growing as faithful followers of Jesus, "...the mission of growing loving communities of faith centered on Jesus" FUMC of Santa Rosa Mission Statement

To offer opportunities for spiritual growth and intentional faith development that "Encourage One Another to Embody Christ".

Making the "*Shift*" from "Membership to Discipleship by "Developing a life of opening to and obeying Jesus.

2018 Advent and 2019 Offerings

Advent 2018 Offerings

Three Wednesday Night Advent Soup Suppers hosted and with activities for families.

Distribution of a booklet prepared by Pastor Lori "Try a Triad!" along with encouragement of ongoing and newly formed Triad Discipleship groups.

Distribution of an advent devotional booklet compiled by Glo Wellman for personal or group study "Responding to God's Grace: Prayers, Gifts, Presence, Service, Witness.

Women's Advent Book Study - *The Women of Christmas: Experience the Season Afresh with Elizabeth, Mary, and Anna* by Liz Curtis Higgs
Four Tuesdays in Advent. Led by Cathie Bryan

Advent Book Study - *The Gift of the Nutcracker*, by Matt Rawle.
Four Sundays and second time offering on Mondays. Led by Norm Bryan.

Various Offerings

A book study offering *The Anatomy of Peace – Resolving the Heart of Conflict*, Second Edition, by the Arbinger Institute, facilitated by Pamala Stephens. Study was led October 2018 – May 2019.

Six-week Lenten Book Study

Simon Peter: Flawed but Faithful by Adam Hamilton.

Three small group offerings on Sundays, Mondays and Tuesdays during Lent.

Led by Norm Bryan and Cathie Bryan

Youth Confirmation Class led by Pastor Lindsey

A nine-month youth confirmation study. Five youth, along with four from Christ Church completed the study, were confirmed, and following confirmation joined their respective churches.

United Methodist Women (UMW) – Mission U

A one-day school was held at FUMC Santa Rosa on August 3, 2019. Participants took part in sessions and workshops focused on the Gospel of Mark, Women in Mission, and Understanding our Money in the context of Faith.

Kaleidoscope Bible Study ((Lectio Divina) led by Pastor Lori

Pastor Lori led the bible study throughout 2019 at each Church Council meeting held in January, March, May, and July.

Women's Retreat

A one-day retreat held at FUMC on October 5, 2019 "Well of Living Water with Jesus" a day of renewal and self-care. Planned and led by Diane Jackson, April Nichols, Paula Peterson, Pat Sanborn, Pastor Lori, and Elizabeth Walton.

On Going Studies

Sundays

9:10 a.m. Bible Study. Led by Dian Jorgensen. Bible study of the book of John.

11:00 a.m. Bible Study. Led by Norm Bryan.

Bible Study of the book of James using the book *Life Lessons: Book of James: Practical Wisdom* by Max Lucado.

Bible Study of 1 and 2 Peter using the book *Life Lessons from 1 and 2 Peter* by Max Lucado.

Bible Study of the books of John and Jude using the book 1, 2, 3 John and Jude (Life Lessons) by Max Lucado.

Tuesdays

1:30 p.m. Women's Book Study Group. Led by Cathie Bryan.

The Next Person You Meet in Heaven by Mitch Albom.

Holy Envy – *Finding God in the Faith of Others* by Barbara Brown Taylor

In Christ,
Pamala Stephens