

LIFT (Living in Faith Together)

Winter and Spring 2024

LIFT Begins January 7

Why LIFT (Living in Faith Together)?

Sunday Schedule

8:45-9:45 LIFT

Coffee is available before LIFT in the lobby, and in the Fellowship Hall All on All Ages LIFT Sundays (the first Sunday of the month)

10:00 Worship

Sunday Lunch will continue on the 3rd Sunday of the month in the Fellowship Hall after worship

Faith formation is a process, and not something that can be achieved on a single Sunday. At the same time, faith formation is something that happens at home, work, and school as well as at church. One goal of faith formation at The Presbyterian Church is to equip members to grow in their faith in all aspects of their lives. Living In Faith Together (LIFT) is one way to practice faith formation at our church, and is a chance for all members of the congregation to explore their faith through fellowship, education, and mission together. Just as a single family with people of all different ages can do activities together, our church family has the opportunity to be together for fellowship and learning each week during the LIFT hour.

All Ages LIFT (Living in Faith Together)

All Ages LIFT (Living in Faith Together) is a time for everyone in our congregation to come together to learn from each other and grow in our faith. All Ages LIFT happens on the first Sunday of the month.

Our January All Ages LIFT will be a time of fellowship and hearing about the adult class offerings. There will be a light breakfast provided by the Christian Education Committee and children will remain in the fellowship hall for the entire LIFT hour. The All Ages LIFT dates for the winter and spring are:

January 7

February 4

March 3

April 7

May 5

Adult LIFT Classes

Spiritual Formation and Practice

How can we integrate faith formation into our lives at home during the week? What are practices that have informed our faith tradition for centuries? How can I strengthen my spirituality without sitting still for an hour? What can we learn from other religions? Come learn about a variety of practices that anyone can do at anytime. Each session of class will focus on a different practice, and will be interactive. Led by members of the Meditation Group. Class location: Undercroft



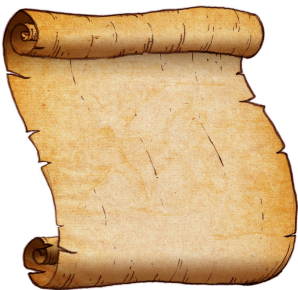
Follow Me is a

PC(USA) Curriculum by the PC(USA). Our children use it in their classes, and now the adults can follow along with what the children are learning. It is based on the practices of Jesus, and is written for those who wish to live out their faith. This curriculum examines where these practices are found in the Bible and how they have been used in Christian faith then and now. This semester we will explore the themes of “**Make Peace**” and “**Love God, Neighbor, Enemy.**” Led by Jim and Patty Toler, Brittany Harvey, and Jen Rowe



Class location: Education Building Room 215

Study of the Letters of John



What does it mean to say that God is love? Why is this only found in these letters? What did John’s audience need to hear? What can John tell us today? Come study the three epistles of John.

Led by Coy Franklin, Amy Talmadge, and Barb LeRoy.

Class location: Church House Parlor



Faith and Movies

Do you love movies? Do you love contemplating the role God plays in our culture? Do you love looking for symbolism? Do you want a class that is different every week?

Faith and Movies is a participant led class that discusses a new movie each week. Come see how faith can be found in surprising places.

coordinated by Mike Lehr and John Statler

Class location: 1st floor, Middle House

Making a Major Deal out of the Minor Prophets

An additional weekly Bible Study will continue Tuesdays on Zoom at 7:00, January 30 - February 27.

Children's LIFT

Children's LIFT will meet on the second floor of the education building. The children will learn through music, art, library time, and the Bible lesson. The curriculum is *Follow Me* published by the PC(USA).



The goals of Children's LIFT are to foster a place for children to explore their faith through story, music, art, and fellowship; to allow children to spend time with and build relationships with their peers, as well as people in the congregation who are different ages than them; to empower children to contribute to the life of the congregation through fellowship activities and art projects. Some art projects will be individual, and some will be community projects.

Teachers:

3 year olds-Kindergarten

Susie Kuliasha

Carol Mayer

Keren Pritchett

Janna Theado

1st and 2nd Grade

Michelle Porter (spring)

Ashley Raska

Beth Valasko

Doreen Vaughn

3rd-5th Grade

Erik Fino

Macon Fino

Betsy Lewis

Ralph Lewis

Art

Mary Lou Cramer

Music

Mary Ann Casey

Youth LIFT

During LIFT (Living In Faith Together) youth will attend the *Follow Me* LIFT class. Their faith formation will be integrated into what the adults and children are learning.

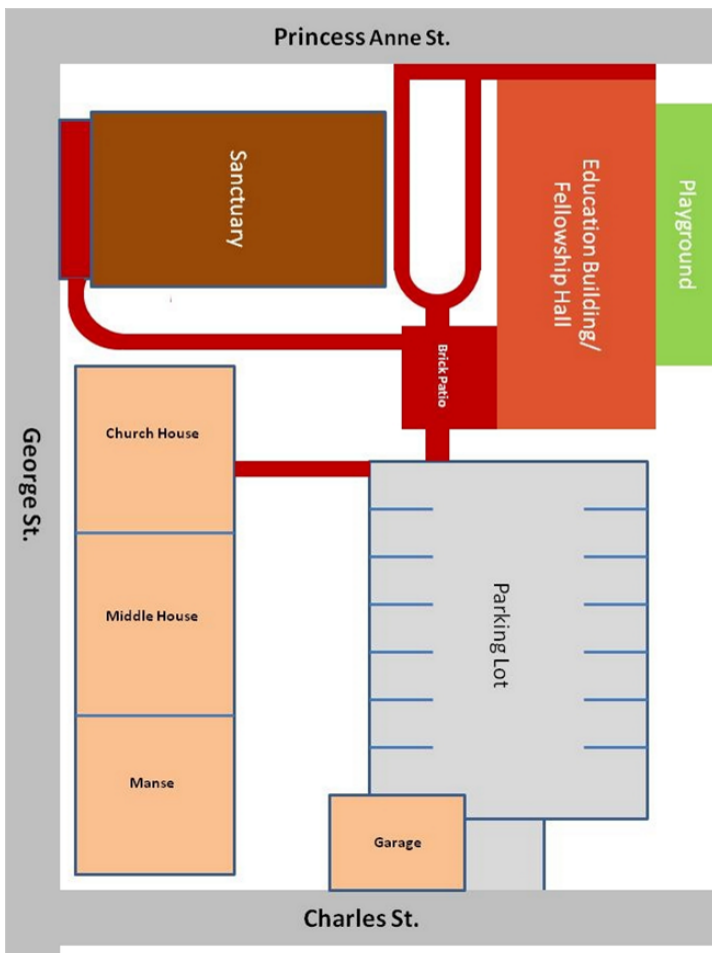
Confirmation is for current 6th through 9th graders. They will meet the first Saturday of February, March, and April, for exploration, spiritual formation, and fellowship. Confirmation Sunday will be May 19.

LIFT is overseen
by the Christian
Education
Committee

Adult Class Series in April

The last day of all adult classes will be March 24. Beginning April 14, and going through April 28, all adults are invited to join a 3 session series during April. Watch the website from more information.

Map of Church Grounds



Calendar

January 7 - All Ages LIFT

January 14 - Classes

January 21 - Classes, Sunday Lunch

January 28 - Classes

February 4 - All Ages LIFT

February 11 - Classes

February 18 - Classes, Sunday Lunch

February 25 - Classes

March 3 - All Ages LIFT

March 10 - Classes

March 17 - Classes, Sunday Lunch

March 24 - Classes, Labyrinth will be in
Fellowship Hall for Holy Week

March 31 - Easter (no LIFT)

April 7 - All Ages LIFT

April 14 - Children's classes, Adult Series

April 21 - Children's classes, Adult Series,
Sunday Lunch

April 28 - Children's classes, Adult Series

May 5 - All Ages LIFT

May 12 - Musical

May 19 - Last LIFT, Confirmation Sunday,
Sunday Lunch

May 26 - Summer Schedule Begins,
no LIFT