



**Living In Faith Together (LIFT)** is one way we practice faith formation, with a variety of opportunities for all members of the congregation to explore their faith through fellowship, education, and mission together as our lives are shaped by God's love. Faith formation is not limited to Sunday morning activities at church!

In addition to this brochure, see the church calendar, website, and announcements for more information about all the ways we grow in faith together.

## Winter 2026

### Sunday Schedule

<b>9:00 am</b>	LIFT classes
1st Sunday	all ages together
2nd – 5th Sundays	age-level classes
Coffee is available weekly at 8:45 am.	
<b>10:00 am</b>	Community Gathering
<b>10:30 am</b>	Worship
<b>after worship</b>	Covenant Choir Youth Choir 3rd Sunday lunch

### All-Ages LIFT

1<sup>st</sup> Sundays in the Fellowship Hall  
January 4, February 1, March 1, April 5

All-Ages LIFT is a time for everyone in our congregation to come together to learn from each other and grow in our faith. On the first Sunday of every month, we gather together in the Fellowship Hall for fun and learning. Through the winter semester, we will explore some the stories of Jesus healing people throughout his ministry.

### LIFT Kick-Off Continental Breakfast

(provided by the CE Committee)

January 4 at 9:00 am in the Fellowship Hall

Save the Date: Congregational Retreat  
March 14-15 at Camp Hanover

# Adults

## Sunday Mornings

January 11, 18, 25; February 8, 15, 22; March 8

### Reading the Bible for Understanding

*January LIFT class*

This class will explore important things to consider as we read and interpret different literary styles found within the Bible. This foundation will prepare us for discussing more specific topics of Bible Interpretation in the February/March class.

Led by Lewis Lowery

Class location: Church House Parlor

### Using Scripture to Communicate Faith without Fear or Hate

*February and March LIFT class*

This class will journey through John Fugelsang's book "Separation of Church and Hate" and empower us to move past "culture war" anxiety by grounding our faith and communication in the actual words of Jesus. Focusing on Scripture rather than modern caricatures, we'll articulate a faith that is politically grounded and radically compassionate.

Led by Jerry Zekert

Class location: Church House Parlor

### Esther Study

*January through March LIFT class*

As the youth prepare their musical, we'll study the story of Esther more deeply. Esther, an orphan who became queen, is an example of a woman used by God to accomplish God's purposes. She is a reminder that one person can make a difference with God's guidance.

Led by Dorothy Mondak and Carol Mayer

Class location: Undercroft

## Mid-Week

Keep It Moving: Body & Soul (Mon, 3:30pm)

Men's Breakfast (Tues, 7:30 am)

Meditation (Wed, 4:30 pm)

Ladies' Bible Study (Thurs, 9:30 am)

Lectionary Lunch (Thurs, 12 pm)

## Monthly

Never Ending Circle (1st Sun, 2 pm)

Pints & Parables (Feb 3, Apr 7, 6 pm)

Faith Circle (2nd Mon, 1 pm)

Circle of Prayer (2nd Tues, 1 pm)

Faith & Movies (3rd Wed, 10 am)

## Children

On the 2nd-5th Sunday mornings, classes for K-4th grade meet on the second floor of the education building. We use the PC(USA) Follow Me curriculum.

Teachers:

Art: Mary Lou Cramer

K – 2nd: Keren Pritchett, Janna Theado, Tom Theado

3rd – 4th: Michele Coffman, Michelle Porter, Ashley Raska, Beth Valasko

**Covenant Choir** for K-5th grade rehearses each week for 20-30 minutes after worship on the 2nd floor of the Education Building. Children exit the sanctuary during the final hymn.

**Nursery care for infants and preschoolers** is available on the first floor of the education building on Sunday mornings from 8:45 am until the end of worship. This time includes both unstructured play and connected curriculum materials.

## Tweens

**On the 2nd – 5th Sunday mornings**, 5th and 6th graders meet on the second floor of the Middle House. They will use the Follow Me curriculum along with special projects.

Teachers: Christine Bothel, Jon Bothel, Betsy Lewis, Ralph Lewis

## Youth

**On Sunday mornings**, older youth are invited to join any of our Adult LIFT classes based on their interests. Combining youth and adults fosters intergenerational relationships and inspires lifelong faith formation.

**Youth Choir** rehearses for 30-40 minutes each Sunday after Covenant Choir ends. Youth are encouraged to gather by 11:50 am on the 2nd floor of the Education Building.

**Youth Group** for 6th-12th graders meets on the second Sunday of every month. Dinner is at 5:30, with program and fellowship from 6:00-7:30. Leaders: Sherman Brown, Heather Eland, Erik Fino, Lexie Loder, Matt Milford, Elizabeth Rehm

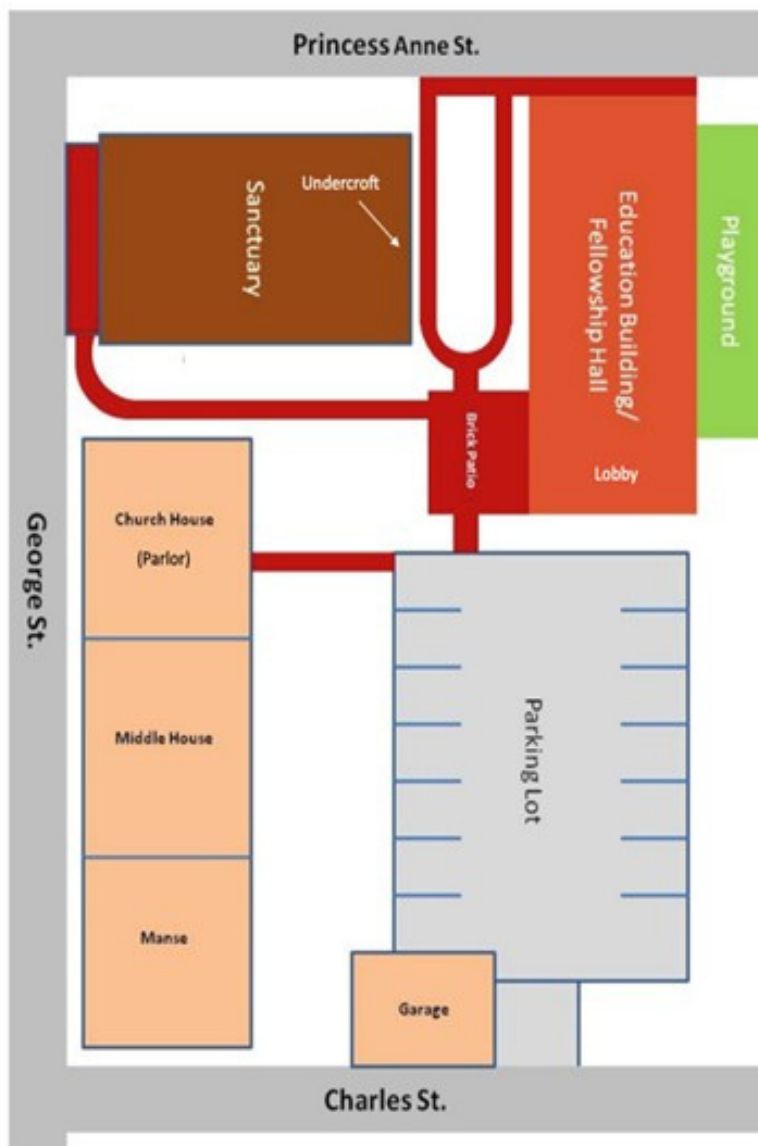
### “Malace in the Palace”

March 20 and March 22

The Youth Choir will spend the winter preparing a musical based on the story of Esther. Plan to join us as they share this reminder that God empowers even the lowliest to make a big difference!

More details will be shared in the coming weeks!

# Where to Go



## Sunday LIFT Classes

All-Ages Lift	Fellowship Hall
Children (K-4 <sup>th</sup> )	Education 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor
Tweens (5 <sup>th</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> )	Middle House
Reading the Bible	Church House
Esther	Undercroft

## Mid-Week

Keep It Moving	Fellowship Hall
Men's Breakfast	Education 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor
Meditation	Education Library
Ladie's Bible Study	Middle House
Lectionary Lunch	Middle House

## Monthly

Never Ending Circle	Homes/Parlor
Pints and Parables	off-campus site
Faith Circle	Fellowship Hall
Circle of Prayer	Education 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor
Faith & Movie Club	Middle House

## Christian Education Committee

Will Hendricks, elder (chair)  
 Mike Gibson, elder  
 Sam Valasko, elder  
 Michele Coffman  
 Bridget Harvey  
 Jamie Loder  
 Michelle Porter  
 Jerry Zekert

## Special Dates

January 4 - All-Ages LIFT, Winter Kickoff

February 1, March 1, April 5 - All-Ages LIFT

March 14-15 - Congregational Retreat at Camp Hanover (No LIFT!)

March 20 & 22 - "Malice in the Palace" Youth Musical