



Fall 2015

Participant's Catalog

Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

Thank you for prayerfully considering becoming part of a Centenary UMC Growth Group. CUMC Growth Groups are comprised of usually 12-15 people who meet weekly in a convenient location to learn more about God, grow in their faith and grow in their relationship with each other. The groups meet to study a specific topic or book for approximately 10-12 weeks. The groups, the books they are studying, and the time and place they meet are listed in this catalog. The commitment is short-term, but the positive impact on you, the church, and the others in the group could be for eternity.

You can sign up by calling the church office at 965-3455, e-mailing the church office (centenaryumcoffice@yahoo.com), marking the Growth Group you want to join on the back of the colored attendance card in the bulletin, or by visiting the Growth Group Sign-Up table after church services every weekend in September.

Please call the church office with any questions or concerns.

Growth Groups Important Dates for Fall 2015

Weekends of September 6, 12/13, 19/20, & 26/27:

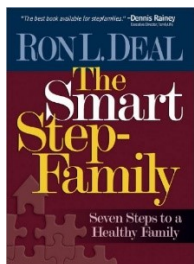
Registration (Sign-Up) for Growth Groups.

People will be able to register by marking the group on their colored attendance card during the service, on sign-up sheets on tables displaying a copy of the chosen resource after the service, as well as by calling or e-mailing the church during the registration period.

Week of October 5 to the week ending December 12

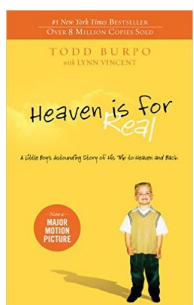
Growth Groups will meet weekly during this 11-week period. All groups should be completed by Saturday, December 12.

Step-Parenting Group For parents of blended families. Led by Art & Lois Finnigan. Group meets Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. beginning October 6 in the Serenity Room.



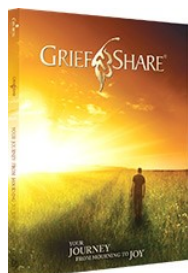
Art & Lois feel called by God to open their hearts and minds to their experience with step-parenting. Their resource, *The Smart Step-Family: Seven Steps to a Healthy Family*, by leading step-family expert Ron Deal offers a revised and expanded edition of his signature resource, which addresses key concerns and practical issues facing every stepfamily.

Heavenly Group A group open to anyone who would like read and discuss one the best true Christian stories and testimonies of our time from a child. Led by Ruth Ann Teutschmann. Group meets Mondays at 6:30 beginning October 5 at her home at 17536 Glenville Rd.



Do you remember the hospital, Colton?" Sonja said. "Yes, mommy, I remember," he said. "That's where the angels sang to me." When Colton Burpo made it through an emergency appendectomy, his family was overjoyed at his miraculous survival. What they weren't expecting, though, was the story that emerged in the months that followed—a story as beautiful as it was extraordinary, detailing their little boy's trip to heaven and back. Colton, not yet four years old, told his parents he left his body during the surgery—and authenticated that claim by describing exactly what his parents were doing in another part of the hospital while he was being operated on. He talked of visiting heaven and relayed stories told to him by people he met there whom he had never met in life, sharing events that happened even before he was born. He also astonished his parents with descriptions and obscure details about heaven that matched the Bible exactly, though he had not yet learned to read. With disarming innocence and the plainspoken boldness of a child, Colton tells of meeting long-departed family members. He describes Jesus, the angels, how "really, really big" God is, and how much God loves us. Retold by his father, but using Colton's uniquely simple words, *Heaven Is for Real* offers a glimpse of the world that awaits us where, as Colton says, "Nobody is old and nobody wears glasses." *Heaven Is for Real* will forever change the way you think of eternity, offering the chance to see, and believe, like a child.

Grief Group For anyone dealing with the loss of a loved one. Led by Lindsay Guyer. Group meets Wednesday afternoons from 3:30-5:30 p.m. beginning October 7 in the Serenity Room.



GriefShare is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. You don't have to go through the grieving process alone. This GriefShare support group is led by Lindsey Guyer, a Spiritual Counselor Giver for Home Health United who understands what you are going through and wants to help. You'll gain access to valuable GriefShare resources to help you recover from your loss and look forward to rebuilding your life.

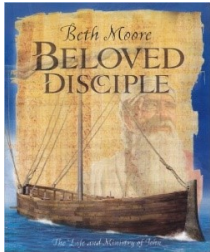
Parents Group For parents with children at home. Led by Jeremiah & Danica Diedrich. Group meets Thursday nights at 6:30 p.m. beginning October 8 in the Serenity Room.



Drawing The Line

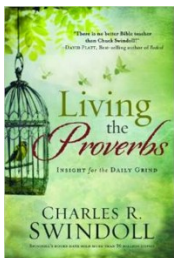
Parenting raises a lot of questions. We want to raise responsible, respectful, and successful children, but we're not sure how to do that. How can we avoid raising children who feel they can never quite measure up? How does rescuing our children from the consequences of their choices and behaviors undermine discipline? What roles, if any, do negotiation and compromise play in discipline? Should we require our kids to do chores, and how do we do that? How do we prepare them (and ourselves!) for their adolescence? This group will help answer these questions.

Beth Moore Group For all women seeking a more, deeper and intimate experience in learning about God and their relationship with Him. Led by JoAnn Meyer. Group meets Sundays at 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. beginning October 4 in the Serenity Room.



Beloved Disciple: The Life and Ministry of John by Beth Moore is a 10-week (in depth) women's Bible study. Beth explores the life of the apostle John who had the God-given gift of seeing a larger picture. John's love relationship with Jesus Christ profoundly influenced everything he did and wrote. As the other disciples were martyred one by one, John remained to write his sublime Gospel proclaiming Jesus' identity as the eternal Word of God. In his three letters John left a legacy of divine love to ignite the passion of future believers. And while exiled on Patmos, John recorded His risen Lord's glorious revelation of victory and hope. John referred to himself as 'the disciple whom Jesus loved.' Just as Christ took John on a lifelong journey into the depths of His love, He will do the same for you. The Bridegroom's love is unmatched and inexhaustible, and He is waiting to lavish it on you, His beloved.

Retired and Re-Fired Group For folks of retirement age or above who want to be Re-Fired! Led by Betty Gleason. Group meets at noon on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of every month beginning on October 12 in the Serenity Room. This Growth Group is a continuation from last year.



We all have those days when temptation becomes bad choices, when we don't know who to trust or where to turn. The book of Proverbs offers revolutionary wisdom for such traumatic moments. *Living the Proverbs* by Charles Swindoll explores such pressing themes as handling difficult people, temptation, financial decisions, betrayal, and even marriage and parenting decisions.