



How Do I Get Started ?

Look inside this brochure for brief descriptions of the small groups WPC has to offer. Choose the group(s) that interest you and fill out the form below. Tear it off and return it in the offering plate on Sunday or to the church office during the week. Someone from the group or from the Adult Spiritual Formation Committee will contact you to let you know about the group's first meeting in January.

Name: _____

Email: _____

I would like to participate in:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Back 2 Nature | <input type="checkbox"/> Hands to Work |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Current Events | <input type="checkbox"/> Loaves & Fishes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Game Night | <input type="checkbox"/> Movie Night |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Good Book | |

Check if you are continuing in this group from last year.

Jesus said, "Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them" (Matthew 18:20)



What Is "Small Group Ministry" ?

Small groups deepen and expand the ministry of our congregation by building community and providing opportunities for meaningful relationships— intimacy—and opportunities for spiritual exploration and search for meaning—ultimacy.

At WPC we use a "Free-Market" model in which small groups form around specific, shared interests and then become spiritual communities through the connections and trust that develop over time.

If you sign up for a group this winter, we ask that you commit to regular participation for three months— January, February and March— most groups meet once a month, so that means you're committing to attend just three meetings.

Whether you are a visitor, friend or member of WPC, you are invited and welcome to participate in our small groups.

Please Join Us !

As disciples of Jesus Christ
We are a community of faith
Who celebrates

- ✦ The transforming and renewing power of God's Spirit
- ✦ The excitement of involvement in response to God's call
- ✦ The richness of the diversity of God's creation
- ✦ The challenge of living out our faith and incarnating the word of God

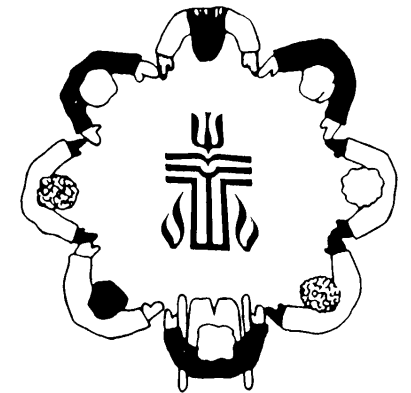
**For the glory of God
And the love of all humankind.**

~The Session of WPC
September, 1992

For more information about our small groups, contact:

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Small Group Ministry At Wilton Presbyterian Church Winter 2012



All members are encouraged to participate in at least one small group during a three-month "cabin fever" season of **January, February & March**

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Small Groups at WPC -Winter 2012-



Back 2 Nature

This group for outdoor activities—biking, hiking, kayaking—meets once or twice a month in local parks and green spaces, usually on Saturdays or Sundays. Some hikes include canine companions!



Current Events In The Light of Faith

At 9am every Sunday morning, in the small parlor just off the WPC Sanctuary Gathering Space, a group gathers to discuss connections between faith and current events and to prepare for worship as Karl Barth once suggested: “With a newspaper in one hand, and the Bible in the other.” Every Thursday, members are emailed an advance copy of the discussion guide, “The Wired Word.” On Sunday, a pot of coffee and a copy of the discussion guide is always waiting for this self-directed group.



Do you knit, quilt, embroider, bead, paint, crochet? Join other handcrafters for conversation and creativity as you each work on your individual projects. The group may decide to create items to give to people in need. Group(s) can decide to meet evenings or weekdays or both.



GAME NIGHT !!!

JOIN FRIENDS OF ALL AGES FOR A LOW-TECH, INFORMAL EVENING PLAYING BOARD GAMES, CARDS OR BINGO. BRING ALONG A SNACK TO SHARE AND LET'S PLAY! FUN PRIZES FOR THE WINNERS ADD TO THE EXCITEMENT. MEETS EARLY ON FRIDAY EVENINGS.



The Good Book Club

After reading selected books, this group gathers to discuss themes related to faith (with assistance from study guides provided by WPC staff). Books available for sale

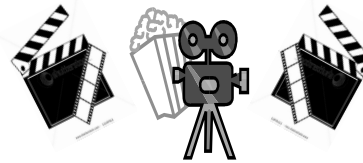
after worship. For January: The Kitchen House by Kathleen Grissom. For February: To End All Wars by Ernest Gordon –and– An Invisible Thread by Laura Schroff. For March: What's the Least I Can Believe and Still Be A Christian? by Martin Thielen. Meetings could be evenings or weekdays or both—the group(s) will decide.

Loaves & Fishes



Dinner Groups

These dinner groups are designed to help you get to know others at WPC by sharing meals together and nurturing bonds of friendship and faith. Each group decides when to meet and whether to meet in members' homes or at restaurants.



The Movie Group

For folks who enjoy watching movies and talking about them (after the movie—not during!). Some months, members see the selected film on their own (at the theater), and then gather for discussion. Other months, the group selects a movie on dvd, watches it together while enjoying a potluck dinner, and then has a discussion. A resource list of films, and discussion guides that connect movies to spiritual themes are available. The group will choose what evenings to meet.

And Return It in the Offering Plate or To The Church Office
Complete the Sign-Up Form on the Other Side

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