

# 2025 Small Groups

## Broomfield United Methodist Church

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**Anthem Bible Group.** The Broomfield UMC Anthem Bible group will resume in January with a new study. The group will read and discuss Bruce Wilkinson's *Secrets of the Vine*, which explores the meaning of John 15, where Jesus uses the analogy of a vine and branches to explain our relationship to Him. Find out what it means to abide in Christ and become fruitful for Him. The group meets in members' homes at 10 a.m. on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday mornings of the month. They have 30 minutes of socializing with refreshments, followed by a one-hour discussion. Susan Roth and Marv Truhe typically take turns leading the group, and other members are welcome to do so when they desire. The book is available from the Copeland Resource Library. If you live in Anthem Ranch and are looking for new friendships and learning opportunities, contact Marv Truhe at [marvtruhe@aol.com](mailto:marvtruhe@aol.com) so you can receive updates on the schedule and meeting locations. All Anthem residents are welcome to participate, so come and join the rich conversation and deepen your friendships!

**Bible and Bagels.** Bible and Bagels is a monthly Community Time group designed for informal learning and theological reflection. Join Thomas Cross on the first Sunday of each month at 10:30 a.m. for bagels and cream cheese, a brief essay for reading, and lively discussion. All are welcome to participate! Meetings are planned for January 5, February 2, March 2, April 6, and May 4. To be included on the Bible and Bagels email notification list, contact Thomas at [thomas.cross@broomfieldumc.org](mailto:thomas.cross@broomfieldumc.org). Join us any first Sunday of the month!

**Books and Brews.** Books and Brews is an informal group that meets throughout the year. The group selects a Christian book and discusses it over multiple sessions at local breweries. This group is open to individuals and couples who enjoy learning and fellowship in a relaxed setting. Meetings take place on select Sundays at 6 p.m. The group begins a new study in January: *Dangerous Jesus*. From the moment He arrived on the scene, Jesus posed a threat to the unjust, a threat to the oppressors, and a threat to every semblance of authority wielded by the kingdom of darkness. He invaded the world with love for the forgotten, hope for the hopeless, and freedom for the bound. His ideas were disruptive, subversive, and scandalous to the world around Him. In *Dangerous Jesus*, Kevin "KB" Burgess—award-winning rapper, podcaster, and international speaker—boldly looks to the gospels to reintroduce us to the true Jesus, the one who poses a living threat to the status quo. Contact Darren Duplech at [duplech@msn.com](mailto:duplech@msn.com) or 303-898-4610 to learn about the current study and to get on the text reminder list for upcoming gatherings! The book is available for \$19 from the literature rack.

**Broomfield Writers Collective.** The Broomfield Writers Collective is a group of people who love to write, to hone their craft, and to share their work with others. This growing group has recently reorganized with a new team of leaders to provide opportunities for learning activities, writing exercises, and sharing samples and updates from our various writing projects. The group includes everyone from beginners to published authors, so there's a place for you, no matter what you like to write or how experienced you are! Join us on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Room to learn and make new friends! Contact Thomas Cross at [thomas.cross@broomfieldumc.org](mailto:thomas.cross@broomfieldumc.org) to join and for updates.

**Boomer-Zoomer Coffee Club.** If you are 60+, you belong to the generation called Boomers. If you are 79+, you are a member of the Silent Generation. If you are 97+, you belong to the Greatest Generation. If you belong to any of these generations, the Boomer-Zoomer Coffee Club is designed for you! The Boomer-Zoomer Coffee Club, sponsored by Broomfield UMC, meets on-line using Zoom at 10-11:30 a.m. on the first Thursday of the month. The purpose is to generate and deepen friendships and community among our seniors and to keep on learning, growing and laughing. The program will include interviews, book reviews, spiritual exercises, birthday celebrations, music, small group conversations, Zoom-arounds, and holiday parties and other activities. If interested, sign up at [thomas.cross@broomfieldumc.org](mailto:thomas.cross@broomfieldumc.org) and a Zoom link will be sent to you before each meeting. Please include your phone number and your birthday; birthdays will be recognized at the monthly meetings. Be sure to bring your mug of coffee, tea or Coke Zero. For more information contact Michele Parish Zuniga at 303-886-9175 or [michele.parish@gmail.com](mailto:michele.parish@gmail.com).

**The Chosen Bible Study: Season Two.** *The Chosen* Bible Study Group is discussing Season Two and invites you to join us! Members of the group watch each selected episode in advance, reflect upon it using a study guide, and then gather for discussion and inspiration. The study guide is available on the literature rack for \$10. Season Two focuses upon the Sermon on the Mount and Jesus' early evangelistic work. Meetings are held on first Mondays, 6:30-7:45 p.m.; we welcome new members. Explore new perspectives on Jesus and his disciples using this fascinating video series. Scheduled meeting dates to continue discussing Season Two are Jan. 6, Feb. 3, March 3, April 7, and May 5. Contact Thomas Cross at 720-880-5221 or [thomas.cross@broomfieldumc.org](mailto:thomas.cross@broomfieldumc.org) or 720-880-5221 for more information or to register!

**Faith Links.** Faith Links connects faith in Christ to current events and personal discipleship. The group begins a new study on January 5, *Messy People*, by Jennifer Cowart, using her book and video series. Since every life gets messy at times, join Faith Links in exploring how God can turn your messy life into a masterpiece. This six-week study shows how God loves to use messy people, exploring the stories of Rahab, the Prodigal Son, Josiah, Mary, David, and Daniel. From their stories, learn how God can use broken people, restore damaged hearts and relationships, and give us power to handle critics and deal with difficult seasons of our lives. Faith Links welcomes you to join them on Sundays at 10:15 a.m. in Room 203 on Sundays during Community Time. To register and receive updates, contact Shelley Stanley and Margie Garcia at [bumcfaithlinks@gmail.com](mailto:bumcfaithlinks@gmail.com). Following the Messy People study, Faith Links will read and discuss Adam Hamilton's book, *The Lord's Prayer: The Meaning and Power of the Prayer Jesus Taught*, which will be a powerful study to prepare for Lent. As is the case with all Sunday morning Small Groups and activities, you are welcome to drop in any Sunday to check out the group, get acquainted, and make new friends!

**Misunderstood God Group.** The Misunderstood God Group begins a new study on January 7: *How to Read the Bible Well*, by Steven Burnhope. *How to Read the Bible Well* takes on the big questions about the Bible that we've always wanted to ask. What do people mean when they say it's the Word of God? In what way, exactly? How can an ancient world text be offering supposedly timeless truths? Can we really take what "the Bible says" as authoritative for life today? Is it sexist and outdated? Do we have to believe in Adam and Eve, and the world being made in six days? Why did God command genocide in the Old Testament? Are people really going to burn in hell for eternity? Why is there evil and suffering in the world? And, how can we explain the Big Story of the Bible, from cover to cover, in ways that will make sense to people today? Stephen Burnhope suggests there are very good answers to all of these questions and more—once we know how to read the Bible well! The book is available from the literature rack for \$25 per copy. The Misunderstood God Group is a warm and open-minded group of people who love to read, learn, grow in faith, and support one another on their journeys. The group meets on the first and third Tuesdays of most months, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. in Room 203, for fellowship, discussion, and prayer. New members are always welcome, so, to register, contact Thomas Cross at 720-880-5221 or [thomas.cross@broomfieldumc.org](mailto:thomas.cross@broomfieldumc.org).

**Monday Night Men.** The Monday Night Men begin a new study on January 26. The men will be discussing J.B. Phillips' classic book, *Your God Is Too Small*. This forty-year-old Christian classic and bestseller is a study group favorite; this book challenges readers' conventional views about God and encourages them to search for a meaningful redefinition of a higher power. *Your God is Too Small* is a groundbreaking work of faith, which challenges the constraints of traditional religion. In his discussion of God, author J.B. Phillips encourages Christians to redefine their understanding of a creator without labels or earthly constraints and instead search for a meaningful concept of God. Phillips explains that the trouble facing many of us today is that we have not found a God big enough for our modern needs. In a world where our experience of life has grown in myriad directions and our mental horizons have been expanded to the point of bewilderment by world events and scientific discoveries, our ideas of God have remained largely static. This inspirational work tackles tough topics and inspires readers to reevaluate and connect more deeply with God. The Monday Night Men meet on the second and fourth Monday of each month, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. in Room 203, for learning, spiritual growth, and prayer together, supporting each other in discipleship. We welcome new members, so contact Thomas Cross at 720-880-5221 or [thomas.cross@broomfieldumc.org](mailto:thomas.cross@broomfieldumc.org) for more information or to join. Purchase the book for \$9.

**Parents of LGBTQ+ Children.** No one should ever have to choose between who they are, whom they love, and what they believe. Carrie Johnson explains, "When our son came out as gay, we were desperate for a support group to help navigate our feelings of confusion, fear, and hurt. We wanted to be equipped to love our child and to help him believe that he is a beloved child of God. We are starting a Small Group to support and love parents of LGBTQ+ children. We want everyone to know that God has radical love for ALL people, and He has made all of us just the way we are. I am Carrie Johnson, and if you are interested, call or message me at 719-740-0746, or email me at [bcbjohnson@hotmail.com](mailto:bcbjohnson@hotmail.com)."

**Tuesday Good News Group.** This dynamic daytime group for all interested adults meets Tuesdays at 2 p.m. in the Conference Room to discuss spiritual books and apply them to our lives. The group starts a new study on January 7, *Sitting at the Feet of Rabbi Jesus*. This book provides an in-depth tour of the Jewish world of Jesus, offering inspirational insights that will transform your faith. Spangler and Tverberg paint powerful scenes from Jesus' ministry, immersing you in the prayers, feasts, history, culture, and customs that shaped Jesus and those who followed Him. The book is available for \$9, and Thomas Cross invites you to join the group for this great study. Contact him at [thomas.cross@broomfieldumc.org](mailto:thomas.cross@broomfieldumc.org) to register!

**Women's Book Club.** The Women's Book Club is a casual group of about a dozen women who meet each month to discuss the month's selected book. Alice Potter explains, "Our reads are primarily fiction and historical fiction, with occasional nonfiction thrown into the mix. Books are chosen by the group. An effort is made to select books available in libraries or in paperback to keep costs down, it is not required that you buy each book. We are a very 'come as you are' group, no food nor drink served, and no need to dress up! We are a group of avid readers who enjoy the camaraderie of expanding our literary horizons and getting to know each other." The group meets every fourth Thursday, 4:00 - 5:30 p.m., in the Conference Room. To join in all the fun, contact Alice Potter at [alicepotter92@gmail.com](mailto:alicepotter92@gmail.com).

Upcoming titles:

January 23 - *Call Your Daughter Home* by Deb Spera

February 27 - *The Harvey Girls* by Lesley Poling-Kempes

March 27 - *The Violin Conspiracy* by Brendan Slocumb

**Young Professionals Group.** The Young Professionals Small Group is a space for people in their 20's and 30's to grow together in faith and support one another in community. We strive to create a space where all are welcome and feel like they belong. We want you here! We meet weekly on Sundays at 10:15 a.m. during Community Time in Room 101 (downstairs) for focused discussion, and we also plan one or two social outings per month to grow closer together (e.g. hiking, festivals, restaurants, movies, games). Reach out to Jacob & JoAnna Pawlik at 828-461-8022 or [pawlikjt@gmail.com](mailto:pawlikjt@gmail.com) to get involved and receive updates of meetings and activities!