

"that we may be mutually encouraged." Romans 1:12



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they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God with boldness.

³² Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. ³³ With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴ There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. ³⁵ They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need."

(Acts 4:31-35)

We want this to be a place where
lives are changed by Christ
and we live out our faith together.
Lives can only be changed by Christ
if we invite others to take part in our time together.
So be bold.

Be courageous.

Be praying and watching as God moves amongst you.

Eric Dorville

Normandy Group

All are welcome to join us in the small chapel at Normandy Farms. We recognize that we each have different and varied faith journeys but find unity in following Christ. We meet in the Chapel and after our study we go to the Grille and have our fellowship over lunch. Our current study is Nehemiah.

If you are new to our group, please contact Claudette or Mary so we can make sure the guardhouse knows you are coming.

TIME: Mondays at 11:15 AM

LOCATION: Normandy Farms Chapel

LEADERS:



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Women's Small Group

Come join this Small Group for women. Don't worry if you are hesitant about joining an already established group, all are warmly welcomed.

We combine Bible Study with fellowship and laughter, meeting twice a month for study based on the previous Sunday's sermon and twice for different fun gatherings or service projects. During the Bible Study nights we break into two groups to help give everyone a chance to share and to know a smaller group of women on a deeper level. Halfway through the year we change up the composition of the groups so we can get to know other women from the church. For the social/service weeks we combine the groups. Come as many times a month as will fit your schedule. Won't you come and help create a fellowship of women who can support, encourage, laugh, cry and grow with one another? Is God calling you to try this out? We can't wait to meet you in Small Group Fellowship!

TIME:

Weekly: 2nd and 4th Mondays Bible Study 1st Mondays, social/mission projects 7:00-8:30 PM

LOCATION:

Whitney Home 1583 Derry Drive Dresher, PA 19025

LEADERS:



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Tuesday Morning Women's Group

Marilyn has been leading a women's small group for many years here at First Presbyterian Church of Ambler. She has enjoyed her time leading and creating an incredible atmosphere of fellowship where women get a chance to grow in their faith. Won't you come and grow in your faith together? Our autumn 2019 study will be "Eternity Is Now In Session", by John Ortberg

TIME: Tuesdays at 10:30 AM, starting September 10, 2019

LOCATION: Church Lounge



LEADER:
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YKD (Yabbakadoodle)

Yabbakadoodle members like to make each other smile - just look at our funky name! Our group leader has long familiarity with FPC Ambler having been baptized as an infant here, raised in our Sunday School and Youth programs, and becoming a facilitator to young people in Sunday School and the Youth program for many years as he finally matured to the full grown 2 year old child he is today! (Yes, humor is a big part of Bruce.) He freely admits that he gains so much from listening to and participating in our discussions - admitting he does not know the answers - and is like many others, still seeking answers. His goal is always to help us open God's word, searching for its meaning for our walk with Christ. Our ages are from the mid 30's to the... well, let's not go there! Each lesson is a stand-alone lesson so anyone can join us at any time.



TIME: 2nd and 4th Tuesday at 7:30 PM

LOCATION: Church Lounge

LEADER:

Bruce Ruhf ("Bear")
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Deeper Dive

Our women's group of Moms meet monthly, usually the 3rd Tuesday of the month from 7:00-9:00 PM. We created our group when we ran out of time at our MOPS meetings. We pray for each other, talk, study MOPS curriculum, and talk some more.

TIME: 3rd Tuesday, 7-9PM LOCATION: Various homes

LEADER:

Heather Graven heathergraven@gmail.com

Men's Small Group

Pastor Ryan Balsan leads a small group for men in our church Welcome Center. They enjoy coffee and great fellowship while diving into the Scriptures together. This is a great small group if you are looking to get your feet wet in small group ministry while learning how the Scripture is speaking into our lives.

TIME: Wednesdays at 6:30 AM

LOCATION: Church Welcome Center



LEADER: Ryan Balsan 215-646-3030 Ryan@fpcambler.org

No Regrets - Wednesday Night Men's Group

When you look in the mirror, do you recognize the man looking back at you? Are you wrestling with the difficulties of your identity, your relationships, your finances, your time, your attitude and want to see them change...permanently? If life's demands are constantly pressuring you to run faster and jump higher than this small group is for you.

It's an hour of your time with men facing the same challenges as you – together we can make a difference.

Time: 2nd and 4th Wednesday, 8-9PM

Location: Conference Room 2

The group is led by various members as God calls them to serve.

Contact: John Ingram (John.s.ingram@gmail.com)

Alpha Small Group

Alpha is an opportunity to explore the Christian faith in a friendly, open, and informative environment. Alpha is for anyone who is curious or questioning the Christian faith. The lessons are designed to encourage discussion and explore the basics of Christianity in a friendly, honest, and informal environment. The group will be led by Don and Sandy Price. Don and Sandy were married in 2018 and they both want to serve the Lord together leading Alpha. Don has three adult from a previous marriage, and Sandy has two. Don served as a missionary in Brazil and his children were born there. He has a passion for teaching and seeing people grow in their faith in Christ. Sandy has been involved with Alpha in churches that she attended in Oregon and New Jersey.

TIME: Wednesdays 7-9PM. Dinner served at 7PM.

Autumn start date - September 25, 2019

LOCATION: Fellowship Hall



LEADERS:
Don and Sandy Price
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GriefShare

My personal journey through grief has occurred at various times in my life, beginning with the sudden loss of my father at age 13 and the death of a friend when I was 16. I also lost my mother after her multi-year struggle with Lou Gehrig's disease. Most recently, I found myself dealing with ambiguous grief after my 27 year old daughter's auto accident and resulting traumatic brain injury. Then again, the journey through grief at her passing in 2016.

TIME: Thursdays, 7-9 PM

Autumn start date - September 26, 2019

LOCATION: Conference Room 2 (2nd floor)



LEADER:Georgina Dietz

Bible Explorers Small Group

Please join us on Thursday evenings In addition to sharing fellowship and good food and drink, our group explores the wonders and gifts of Gods Word in the Bible. Our next study, will be guided by "The Friends of Jesus", a book by Karen Kingsbury which explores Jesus' special relationships with Peter, John, Matthew, Jairus, Mary Magdalene, and Lazarus. Much of God's Word is about relationships; our relationship with Him and with each other. Using each of these special relationships, we hope to learn more about ourselves and our relationship with God. Please join us to explore God's Word and His gift of relationships.

TIME: Thursdays at 7:00 PM

LOCATION: 286 N. Spring Garden Street,

Ambler, PA 19002

LEADERS:

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Racial Reconciliation

If you ever sit back and wonder how our nation, our churches, schools, and communities came to be so divided along racial lines, and how we can ever begin to change that, then this is the group for you. Through the roadmap laid out for us in Scripture, and by various authors, theologians, and activists, we will begin with diagnosing the issue within ourselves and our society. How did this happen? Is it really still an issue? What is my part in it all? Is being "not a racist?" enough, or do I need to be an anti-racist? What does all of that mean? Fragility, Privilege, Centering?
How can any of us actually make a difference?

My name is Beth de Wet, I grew up in an orange grove in a divided rural Florida, married my South African husband Stefan (who I met in Scotland, it's a long story), and now we live here in Ambler with our 2 boys and a dog. I would like to have a space where we can honestly work together for change – a burden shared is much lighter. We will begin with Whiteness 101, and we will read various selections and discuss books including The Color of Compromise, How to be an Anti-Racist, Roadmap to Reconciliation and others. Most if not all books are available as audio books, and we will share additional resources like podcasts, social media groups and articles. So it's a book club everyone can join!

Andre Henry says "It doesn't have to be this way" – come join us and let's work together to change it.

TIME: Sundays, 11:00 AM

LOCATION: Conference Room 2

Contact Beth deWet for more information bethdewet@msn.com

KOINONIA Small Group

We meet every other Thursday at one of our homes. Our focus is on doing life together, though we also do a Bible study (discussion format) when we meet. We share leadership among us and are inviting new members to our group.

TIME: Every other Thursday at one of our homes, 7:15-9:15 PM.

(Lansdale/North Wales/Blue Bell)

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Outlet

There's nothing like the joy of parenting. But there's no denying it can be a struggle too. Parents face all sorts of pressure in child rearing. That's why we need an outlet. A chance to get recharged and experience joy outside of our families. If you are a parent of young children you're invited to participate in our small group that will meet monthly. We will meet on Sunday afternoons at 3:30 PM – 5:30 PM as we enjoy fellowship and discuss Paul Tripp's book *Parenting*.

Feel free to bring your children as well as we will have some babysitters to care

for the children.

TIME: 3rd Sunday 3:30-5:30 PM

LOCATION:

Dorville home 1118 Cressman Road Schwenksville, PA 19473

LEADERS:

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MOPS is a moms group lead by moms and designed for moms. Are you expecting, a new mom with preschoolers or a mom with older children? Ambler MOPS is for you! We are excited to welcome moms with children OVER preschool-age to attend our meetings. We meet on the 2nd Saturday of the month (September-May) from 9:00-11:30 AM in room 304. Childcare is provided in our on-site nursery and classrooms by screened, professional caregivers. Your kids will be busy with story time, crafts, games, snacks and free play.

Contact: Pastor Eric Dorville (Eric@fpcambler.org | 215.646.3030)

Ruth Circle. Each year we do a Bible study or a book study of a topic relevant to all of us. We meet each month except July and August. We also bake cookies and bring them to our meetings – to eat and also to share with others in our congregation whose spirits may need a lift. We meet on the 3rd Monday of every month at 7:00 PM in the Lounge.

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<u>Deborah/Miriam Circle.</u> We meet each month except July and August, on the fourth Tuesday at 11:30 AM in Fellowship Hall. We bring a sandwich, and the hostess provides drinks and dessert. We enjoy good fellowship with friends.

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PRIME Time fellowship with old and new friends for folks 55 years young and older. Come and experience the welcome that First Presbyterian Church of Ambler offers and the love that Jesus Christ has for you. A program will immediately follow our meal.

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