

# Connection Groups Guide

*Fall 2018*



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## **Bible Studies**

### **Bible 101: How to Read Scripture**

Thursdays, Oct. 11 - Nov. 15 • 6pm - 8pm

Union Church, Cooper Hall

**Contact:** [office@unionboston.org](mailto:office@unionboston.org) // 617-536-0872

Join us at Union for a 6-week study on reading Holy Scripture the right way! We'll gather for food, fellowship, and Bible Study.

### **Advent Study: Christmas Hymns**

Mondays in December • 6pm - 8pm

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Christmas Caroling is so better when we know the story behind our favorite Christmas carols and hymns. Join us to explore these songs and their connection to scripture.



## **Discovering Union**

### **Union 101 Class**

Sun Oct. 21, Sun Jan. 13 (Only need to attend one session)

12:45pm - 2:45pm

Union Church

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If you have recently become a member or are thinking of joining, come to our Union 101 Class to learn about Union and the United Methodist Church! You can choose to attend before or after becoming a member of Union - all are welcome! The class will take place following the 11am service and lunch will be provided.

# Small Groups

## **UnionReads Book Club**

**Wednesdays, 10/3, 10/17, 10/31, 11/14 • 6:30pm - 8:30pm**  
**Panera Bread in South Bay Center (8 Allstate Road, Dorchester)**

**Contact: [ashley.johnson@unionboston.org](mailto:ashley.johnson@unionboston.org)**

The UnionReads Book Club uses delicious and thought-provoking novels to explore faith related themes while connecting with one another. We'll be reading either "Go Tell It on the Mountain" by James Baldwin, "Small Country" by Gael Faye, or "The Salt Eaters" by Toni Cade Bambara. If you are interested in joining, please email Minister Ashley Johnson. To vote on which book we'll read, please email by Sept. 23 with the title of the book you think we should read next.

## **Young Adults Small Group (20s & 30s)**

**Mondays, Oct. 1 - Dec. 10 • 6:45pm - 9pm**

**Melrose, MA**

**Contact: [cyrus.weaver@unionboston.org](mailto:cyrus.weaver@unionboston.org)**

Life is busy and so many things pull at our attention. This new group will focus on intentionally connecting with God and one another and will meet weekly (mostly on Mondays) through mid-December at Cyrus Weaver's and Ryan Birch's home. We'll share a light dinner together from 6:45pm - 7:30pm. Then from 7:30pm - 9pm we'll spend time in discussion, bible study, worship, and prayer. We can give rides from/to the Oak Grove Orange Line Station (~7 minute drive from our house). Please contact Cyrus Weaver to sign-up or to receive more info.

## **Seniors Lunch Club**

**Thursdays, 10/11, 10/25, 11/8, 11/29, 12/13 • 12pm - 1:30pm**

**Union Church, Cooper Hall**

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All seniors are invited to break bread and fellowship with Pastor Jay and each other. We'll spend time in discussion, worship, Bible Study, and prayer together. We'll gather in Cooper Hall.

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## **Small Groups (continued)**

### **UnionPlays Kids Playgroup**

**Saturday dates TBD • 9am - 10:30am**

**Titus Sparrow Park (behind Church)**

**Contact: [ashley.johnson@unionboston.org](mailto:ashley.johnson@unionboston.org)**

We're beginning a playgroup for toddlers, preschoolers, and their parents at Union! The purpose of UnionPlays is to gather together parents of toddlers and preschoolers because we know that incredible things happen when we come together. We'll gather on one Saturday a month, approximately every other month to play and connect with other parents. If you are interested in this playgroup for you and your child/children, or have questions, please contact Minister Ashley Johnson by Sunday, Oct. 23 to receive a poll so that we can decide on the date of our first gathering together.

### **Radical Parents**

**Saturdays, 10/6, 11/3, 12/1 • 2pm - 3:15pm**

**Union Church, Cooper Hall**

**Contact: [amwhetstone@yahoo.com](mailto:amwhetstone@yahoo.com)**

Let's gather as parents and friends for coffee, tea, treats, and conversation to deepen our connection to each other and to Union. We'll gather at Union in Cooper Hall/backstage during Radical Praise (Children's Choir) rehearsal, which would occupy the children and free up your time. If there are kids not interested in participating with choir, we can arrange for other activities and supervision during that time. Please contact Angela Nelson for additional info.

## **Prayer Groups**

### **Weekly Prayer Call**

**Every Wednesday • 6:55am - 7:10am**

**Dial (712) 775-7031. Code: 790-291-650.**

Recharge your spiritual battery midweek for a time of inspirational and intercessory prayer.