

Small Groups Ministry –Judy Cox & Kelly Yates, pastors

Like a participatory dance troupe, we in Small Groups Ministry seek to invite a passive “audience” of attendees into active participation and interaction in community. We give direct opportunity for friendship: with God, with one another, and friendship that is open for the sake of the world. We encourage our small groups to study the Bible together, to fellowship, pray and play together, and to reach with open arms and hearts to the world with the goal of multiplying.



We encourage our group leaders to direct their groups in:

1. Meeting at least once a month (preferably once for prayer/share/study, once to socialize and provide entry for new members?)
2. Sharing the reading of God’s word: we encourage common study materials (which we seek to provide conveniently, at a subsidized rate—we hope to provide A Wesleyan Spiritual Reader during 2009) but do not require them
3. Praying together
4. Fellowship/playing together

We also encourage our group leaders to meet with the Small Group Pastor(s) and other group leaders at least once a quarter to share knowledge and keep communication open.

Our ‘job description’ as Small Groups Coordinators entails:

1. Praying for our small groups and their leaders.
2. Facilitating leaders’ meetings to equip and encourage the group leaders via sharing of concerns/issues, and discussion of pertinent study books
3. Pastoring the leaders, making contact with them via personal phone calls to maintain relationship, that we might shepherd them as need arises. (We have designated half as “Kelly’s,” half as “Judy’s.”)
4. Coordinating the addition of new members to groups in consultation with the small group leaders.
5. Helping faltering groups discern whether to re-up, combine or disband, and provide assistance as needed in those processes.
6. Encouraging new groups to form de novo or by splitting.
7. Teaching leaders who wish it the process of forming a group covenant.
8. Representing Small Groups Ministry in “Life Together” subcommittee meetings of the church board