



NEWTON CHURCH OF THE WAY

**2023
SPRING
MINISTRY
GUIDE**



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WELCOME | ABOUT US

Jesus told him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life.
No one can come to the Father except through me.”

John 14:6

Vision:

To share Biblical truth in a culturally relevant way for people that genuinely seek to know the one true God by following and worshiping The Way, Jesus Christ.

Mission:

To seek, invite and welcome people into the unconditional love of God and share with them the Good News about Jesus Christ who is the way, the truth and the life.

WE'RE SO GLAD YOU'RE HERE!

We're so glad you're here and we would love to connect with you. There are lots of ways to connect with us! Stop by the Welcome Center on Sunday mornings to say hello! You can also fill out a Connection Card that can be found in the seat backs of the chairs or fill out a Connection Card online!

We want to get to know you!

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How Can I Get Plugged in NOW?

These are ministries that anyone can join at any time. No need to wait until the next class or group starts!
It's easy to get plugged in NOW.

Small Groups

CONNECT with God and others, SERVE together, and INVITE new people into your group.

At The Way, we want to be people who live out our mission and vision and embody our core values. We realize that this happens by being connected and in fellowship with God and with other believers. Small Groups are one way to create community with other followers of Jesus. These groups also provide an entry point where anyone can join at any time because we should be continually welcoming and inviting new people into fellowship.

What will these groups look like?

Diversity: These groups should be just as diverse as our church, which should be just as diverse as our community. This may mean that there are people in your group who are very different than you in many ways. That's okay! We love the diversity in the body of Christ, and we want to embrace that diversity in our small groups. These groups will intermix the entire body of Christ that meets at The Way.

When/How often will we meet?

Once a month for nine months (September – May) with your group. In May, all group commitments come to an end, and new groups will be formed the following September for those who choose to sign up for a group.

What will we do when we meet? Below is a general format for a group time together.

Food and fellowship

Devotions and discussion

Pray together

Discuss upcoming service opportunities for your group

Contact Marcy if you have questions or register online for a group and someone will be in touch with details!

Sermon Discussion Group

Attend the 9am service to hear the sermon and then dig in more during the sermon discussion group. All are welcome any Sunday! No registration needed.

- Leaders: Bruce Engbers and Jimmy Shadden
- Sept. 11th - May 2023
- Sundays after the 9am service with holiday breaks
- The Way Cafe

HOW CAN I PLUG IN NOW?

Prayer Ministry

One of our core values at The Way is PRAYER:

“God calls on his churches to be houses of prayer. We will pray in many ways to connect with God relationally and to participate with him in Kingdom advancement through intercession.”

You can JOIN the Prayer Team! The Prayer Team is always looking for more prayer warriors!

What should you expect when you join the prayer team?

Team members will be emailed periodically with requests to be in prayer as needs arise from our congregation, staff, community, and world.

Team members will be on a schedule to pray on Sunday mornings before the service and to pray for people who come forward in response to the service.

Team members will meet as a team and pray together the 2nd Saturday of the month at 3:30pm. Others are welcome to come and receive prayer. We may also use this time to equip/learn more about prayer.

How can you receive prayer?

We would love to pray for you and with you!

Contact the Office to set up a time to pray for you in or outside of the church!

Receive prayer from the Prayer Team on Sunday morning response times.

Come to our monthly Prayer Meetings, 2nd Saturdays at 3:30pm in the Worship Center. Our team would love to pray for you! (Or you can sit and pray silently.)

If you have any further questions about the Prayer Team or receiving prayer,

please contact Aaron and Tricia Groves at the office or by email: aaron@theway146.com | tricia@theway146.com.

“Pray in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion. Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all believers everywhere.”

Ephesians 6:18

PRAYER MINISTRY



ROOTED

EXPERIENCE ROOTED

WHAT IS ROOTED?

Rooted is an 11-week discipleship experience designed to connect people with God, the church, and their purpose. Rooted is for everyone exploring their faith and reveals who God is and how to live as His disciple. For believers, it refocuses their faith and ignites new passion.

Rooted is built on the foundation of 7 rhythms, each taught and practiced by the early church in Acts 2. These include daily devotions, prayers, repentance, service, sacrifice, generosity, sharing your story, and worship. These rhythms are meant to help create regular rhythms to draw you closer to Jesus in Christian fellowship and community!

- Choose Monday or Tuesday evenings starting January 16 & 17
- 11 weeks, ending the week of March 27
- Cost is \$20 for the book
- Time: 6:15pm-8pm in the Discipleship Center

Women's Ministry

Our goal in women's ministry is to grow in relationship and knowledge with Jesus, who is The Word, and with each other, through The Word. Through fellowship and study with other women, we are gaining strength to fight our spiritual battles and wisdom to live our lives as precious daughters of The King. The Bible tells us how to live and act in a way that makes us better in all of our roles and gives glory to God.

Starting in January, *We Over Me* by Whitney Capps, 9 weeks

It's easy to get frustrated with the local church—we see the people in the pews up close, both their beauty and blemishes. But God has a purpose and a plan that He uniquely accomplishes in and through the church, and He wants you to be part of it.

In the opening 3 chapters of Revelation, we find a wake-up call directed toward 7 churches and discover the truth of God's desire for the church. Over 9 sessions, challenge your perspective and embrace your part in helping the church fulfill its calling.

- Thursdays | 6pm-8pm
 - Leaders: Vickie Heerema and Alexis Pratt
- You can purchase your books at Choices or online.

Watch for more Bible Studies to come in 2023!

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

MEN'S MINISTRY

Men's Ministry

Kingdom Builders

“Be on guard. Stand firm in the faith. Be courageous.
Be strong. And do everything with love.”
1 Corinthians 16:13

The Men's Ministry team seeks to take men beyond the profession of faith by seeking a deeper relationship with the Trinity. Through our casual times of fellowship, men are able to encourage and learn from one another. Throughout scripture, God called ordinary men to do extraordinary things, just as he still does today. God calls men to stand boldly and confidently in his name, while serving in their home, church, community, and beyond. We gather together during times of fellowship to be equipped to do just that!

On Thursday nights, we dive into the scriptures verse by verse, learning the truths and the will of God for our life. On the last Saturday of every month, we gather for breakfast and fellowship time. Each month we're encouraged by a short message from ordinary men from within our church who stand boldly to profess the name of Jesus and the works that he has done in their life. We also host special events throughout the year, so be keeping an eye out for those!

I challenge all men to step out of the comfort of their daily routine and join us on our pursuit to go deeper with Jesus Christ.

- Leader: Jeff Guthrie & Men's Ministry Team
- Thursdays | 6:30pm-8:00pm | The Way Cafe

Mark Your Calendars:

- Men's breakfast the last Saturday of every month, 7am.
- Hidden Acres Men's Retreat January 20-22, 2023

SPECIALIZED DISCIPLESHIP

What are Specialized Discipleship Classes?

Specialized Discipleship Classes are topical groups designed to meet a specific need or to bring people together around a shared experience or interest. We offer classes and groups for a broad range of interests and/or experiences.

GriefShare

GriefShare is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. You don't have to go through the grieving process alone. GriefShare books are available through The Way for \$15. Contact the office to pick up your book!

- Leader: Barb Wisgerhof
- Starts Tuesday, March 7 from 6:30pm-8pm

Bean Town Blessing Tree Making Day

Ready for a retreat experience? Join us for a Blessing Tree Day and be blessed. This is a guided journey to explore the parts of prayer, be focused on growing in your faith walk and take home something uniquely yours in remembrance. Make for yourself, for someone you love or in honor of someone who is now with Jesus. Come as you are - light breakfast and lunch will be available... and lots of coffee! Cost determined by choice of build. Materials provided for small (estimated \$35), medium (estimated \$50) or large scale project (estimated \$85).

- Leader: Cheryl Van Houweling
- February 4 at The Harvest House, all day!
- Limiting seating to 10, so sign up quick!

Gathering Table

We want to get to know you! When you sign up for a Gathering Table event, you will be invited to a Host Home for a meal. The purpose is to connect with others from the church, meet new people, and fellowship together.

Dates and more information to come!

- Leader: Lisa Wagner

Intro to Reading Your Bible

Join Julie Jones at Choices Book Store on the 4th Saturday of every month January - April 2023, 10am to Noon!

SPECIALIZED DISCIPLESHIP

Christian Ethics | Part 3

Part 3 explores the theme of protecting human authority. Topics covered include the authority of parents, equality and leadership in the marriage, civil government, authorities and relating to other authorities.

Prerequisite: Part 1 of Ethics OR Systematic Theology

- Leader: Marlys Popma
- Mondays starting April 10 to May 22 | 6:30pm - 8:00pm

Membership Class

Interested in learning more about partnering with The Way in the mission that God has called us to? Join us as we explore the following areas:

- Mission and Vision of The Way
- Core Values
- Baptism and Communion Practices
- Church Leadership and Governance
- Ministry Opportunities: How is God calling you to grow personally and how are you being led to serve?
- Leader: Marcy Milburn
- May 2023

Operation Finding Freedom

Providing a place for our brothers and sisters who served in any of our Military Branches, past or present, to find freedom in Christ.

- Leaders: Kirk Douglas
- First Friday of Each Month | 7pm | Discipleship Center

SPECIALIZED DISCIPLESHIP

Spirit-Led Work Ministry

You desire to see God move in your workplace. This can become clouded by the stress and anxiety of everyday challenges. This once-per-month ministry explores how and where God might already be moving and helps equip you to be a faithful witness for Jesus right where you are.

- Leader: Julie Jones
- ***NEW DAY*** Third Monday of the month
- 6:30 - 8:00 pm | Discipleship Center

The Bridge

Ministry for ages 18-25. College students, married couples, or singles are encouraged to join us for fellowship, studies and FUN!

- Meets every other Sunday from 4pm-6pm.
- Leaders: Mitch & Steph Roush
- Location: Discipleship Center

Hope For Hurting Parents

Hope for Hurting Parents – Parents would go to the ends of the earth for their troubled children but forget about their own self-care along the way. This is a small group designed specifically to give support, encouragement, and hope to hurting parents on their journey from surviving to thriving. These support groups exist to love and comfort parents while offering them tools to gain strength, hope, encouragement, and new perspectives. We'll cover topics like grief, anger, resentment, letting go, thankfulness, hope, and many more.

- Meets on the first Sunday of each month
- Leaders: Mike and Lisa Van Sant
- Location: register online to receive off-site address

Nursery

In The Way's nursery, your little ones are always loved and cared for! We want even the littlest of children to know that God loves them!

Safety is a top priority so upon arrival, children will be checked in and you will be asked to provide your contact information. You and your child will each be given a code to match. You will need bring your tag to pick up your child. If you are needed during the service, you will receive a text message.

Our volunteers love kids! There are always at least two volunteers with the children at all times. Volunteers have completed background screenings. Nursery is available during BOTH the 9am and 11am services each Sunday for children birth through age 2.

Older children are welcome to attend our Children's Ministry programs. In the summer, we offer Little Sparks for children going into PreK-Kindergarten. We also know that it's important to worship as a family and we love having kids in worship! We also have Busy Bags for kids to keep them engaged during a service when you worship together as a family.

Make plans to join us in the nursery this Sunday!
We would love to meet you and your little one!

Contact: Jeri Smith nursery@theway146.com

1st Mondays with Mommas

Join us on the 1st Monday of each month!
Moms with infants and little kids are welcome!
Contact the office if you have any questions.

- 1st Monday of each month in the Nursery
- 9:30am – 10:45am • Leaders: Alexis Pratt

NURSERY

THE RUSH -- CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Before leaving elementary grades, most children form their entire idea of who God is and choose whether or not they will have a relationship with Him. We want to partner with families to help children discover and embrace a growing relationship with Jesus Christ by developing faith, wisdom, and friendships.

The Rush Children's Ministry is available on Sunday mornings during the 9:00am service.

Regular programming occurs in the Fall through the Spring is open to children 3 years old through 6th grade.

- Sunday AM | 9am Service | Discipleship Center
- Ages 3 - Grade 6

Leaders:

- Elisha Biehn, Early Childhood Director (PreK-K)
- Sarah Reynolds, 1st-4th Grade Director
- Elizabeth Van Wyk, 5th & 6th Grade Director

Family Experience Events

At The Way, we want to partner with parents as the primary disciplers of their children. We foster this by offering Family Experience Events. These events are a great way to intentionally set aside time to connect as a family and talk about Jesus. They are also a good way to connect with other families. Families with children of all ages are welcome!

Mark Your Calendars Today:

February 10th | Family Game Night

April 14th | Spring Family Night

Leaders:

- Elisha Biehn, Early Childhood Director (PreK-K)
- Sarah Reynolds, 1st-4th Grade Director
- Elizabeth Van Wyk, 5th & 6th Grade Director

KIDS

Youth Group

We believe that God is moving powerfully through this generation and that he desires to raise up youth who know Jesus and are empowered by His Spirit. If you're a Middle School or a High School student who is looking to grow your faith, connect with other students, and have fun while doing it, then JOIN US!

Upward - Middle School

At Upward, we have FUN as we lean into what God is teaching us about who He is and who we are in Christ! Join us as we grow together!

Leader: Julie Kain

- middleschoolyouth@theway146.com
- Ages: For Youth in 7th - 8th Grade
- Wednesdays | 6-8pm | Discipleship Center
- Youth can arrive at 5:45.
- Supper at 6:00.
- Doors close at 8:00.

Rise - High School Youth

At Rise, all students are welcome to join us as we learn and grow together by listening, reading, asking hard questions, and seeing God in everyday life. We seek to learn about and experience the unconditional love of God through worship, scripture, testimony, small group, and fellowship in a Christ-centered way. Join us as you discover your God-given gifts and serve at youth group, in our community, and on mission trips across the country.

Leaders: Ryan & Terra Kurovski

- Ages: For Youth in 9th - 12th Grade
- Wednesdays | 6:30-9:00 pm | Worship Center
- Youth can arrive at 6:00.
- Supper at 6:30.
- Doors close at 9:00.
- highschoolyouth@theway146.com
ryan@theway146.com

Register Today at www.newtonway.org/students

YOUTH GROUP

WAYS TO SERVE

ARK

ARK (Acts of Random Kindness) is a group of people who wish to bless those in our community with items that can sometimes cause a financial burden for many families. Throughout the year ARK gives away backpacks with school supplies, diapers & wipes, winter coats, and so much more! If you're interested in donating items for upcoming events or in serving at an event, contact Rod & Marla Van Soelen or the church office.

Contact: Rod & Marla Van Soelen

ark@theway146.com

Community Meal

Our Community Meal Team desires to bless those in the community with a fresh, hot meal and a place to connect. Meals are offered at various times and locations throughout the year. Watch the website and bulletin for more information or call the office to find out about an upcoming event! Contact Deb Clymer or the church office if you'd like to join our team to serve those in our community with a delicious meal!

Contact: Deb Clymer | info@theway146.com

Decorating Team

Do you love to decorate? Our Decorating Team loves to make spaces feel warm and inviting so that people feel welcome as they enter the church for worship and during the week.

Contact the office if you'd like more information!

Contact: Vickie Heerema | info@theway146.com

Food Team

Food and fellowship have always been an important part of connecting with others. Our food team helps provide baked goods or meals for various ministry needs. Contact Jayme or the church office for more information about upcoming needs!

Contact: Jayme Wells, jayme@theway146.com

Ladies Sewing Group

Do you love to quilt and sew? Would you like to learn?

Join our sewing group on Thursday mornings as they work on some special projects!

• Thursdays | 9am - 2pm | Discipleship Center

Children's Ministry

The Rush Children's Ministry is for kids going into PreK-6th grade. We want our kids to know Jesus and to experience God's love and our volunteers help make this happen!
Contact: Elisha Biehn | elisha@theway146.com

Nursery Volunteers

Even the littlest of children need to know that God loves them! Our nursery volunteers help make that happen every week! Nursery is offered on Sunday morning during both the 9am and 11am services. Newborns through 2 year olds.
Contact: Jeri Smith | nursery@theway146.com

AV/Tech Team

Help with the video and audio needs in the tech booth. Now more than ever our messages reach people near and far! Our satellite campus relies on our tech abilities each Sunday and we need you to help! NO experience necessary!
Contact: Jenn Cross | jenn@theway146.com

Welcome and Connections Team

Do you have a gift of hospitality and a desire for people to feel welcome? Join us on Sunday mornings as we intentionally seek to connect with and to welcome others.
We'd love for your to join us in this culture-shaping ministry!
Contact: Dave Wagner | dave@theway146.com

Worship Team

We recognize and celebrate the fact that there are a variety of gifts in Christ's body. Some have been given musical gifts that are to be used to bring blessings and encouragement to the church.
Jenn Cross | jenn@theway146.com

Gathering Table Hosts

Hosting a Gathering Table event at your house is a great way to get to know new people and connect with those you already know!
Once you register, Lisa will be in touch!
• Leader: Lisa Wagner



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