



AN INVITATION
TO
DISCOVERY
of your Discipleship Pathway

MAKING
DISCIPLES OF
JESUS CHRIST
FOR THE
TRANSFORMATION
OF THE WORLD



A DISCIPLE IS...
becoming more christ-like

OUR VISION:

Everyone who comes to Wildwood experiences the unconditional love and compassion of Jesus Christ, recognizes they belong, and is empowered to serve others.

EXPLORING



TRANSFORMING



MATURING



CENTERED





YOUR INVITATION TO DISCOVERY

What is a discipleship pathway?

If you were going on a long journey, you would need a gps or a map to figure out how to get to your destination. This resource is the means by which you find your way on your spiritual journey. Read through this brochure, find where you are now, and see what your next steps should be.

EXPLORING IN CHRIST



You are a beloved child of God.



First Steps

EXPERIENCE THE
UNCONDITIONAL LOVE AND
COMPASSION OF JESUS CHRIST
AS YOU EXPLORE A
RELATIONSHIP WITH CHRIST

We are so glad you are here as you take your first steps on your journey of discovery. Learn what it means to be a beloved child of God. Has worship been a chore rather than a joy? Does reading the bible intimidate you? Is prayer a regular part of your life? Have you strayed from church altogether?



Exploring in Christ
FIRST STEPS ON YOUR
JOURNEY OF DISCOVERY

ATTEND WORSHIP SERVICES

Wildwood offers two services every Sunday. Traditions begins at 8:45am and includes hymns, creeds, prayers, and a message. At 11:15am we offer The Gathering, which has a more contemporary feel. We offer Holy Communion the first Sunday of every month in both services.

EXPERIENCE THE WILDWOOD COMMUNITY

Wildwood offers a variety of small groups to fit the needs of our community. We offer Sunday as well as weekday small groups. We recommend you meet with a pastor so that together you can discern the best small group for you. You can also view small group opportunities on our website at www.wildwood-umc.org.

MAKE PRAYER A REGULAR PART OF YOUR LIFE

In addition to praying on your own, we offer opportunities to pray with and for others. We offer a prayer team that prays from the comfort of their homes; a prayer group that meets weekly to pray for the needs of our church; and each small group offers prayers for their particular requests.

TRANSFORMING IN CHRIST



The church is not ours... we are the church.

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Next steps:

TRANSFORMING IN CHRIST AND KNOWING THAT YOU BELONG

Is your commitment to Christ only on Sunday mornings? Do you ever share your faith with others? You know you belong to Christ but are tentative to express your faith outside of the church. Turn the page for your next steps.

19 The living.
as I do this day.
make known thy
20 The LORD who
we will sing my
ments all the days
LORD.
21 For Isaiah had
of figs, and lay it for
and he shall recover.
22 Hezekiah also had
that I shall go up to the

to Isaiah,
Thus saith the
father, I have
days fifteen years:
behold,
of Assyria: and this city out of
and I will de-
sign unto thee from the
will do this thing that he
gain the shadow of the
backward in the sun dial
which degrees it
of He

Transforming in Christ
NEXT STEPS ON YOUR
JOURNEY OF DISCOVERY

LEVEL UP IN YOUR BIBLE STUDY

Participate in Bible studies that are not first steps studies. Join a long term bible study group. Read the Bible in 90 days or a year. Look at our website for updated studies at www.wildwood-umc.org.

READ YOUR BIBLE EVERY DAY

Developing this discipline of daily reading can be transformational in your life.

DEVELOP SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES (PRACTICES)

Reading daily devotions; lectio divina; prayer, journaling, fasting, meditation, enjoying God's creation without distractions.

GIVE REGULARLY

Giving to God is an act of worship and generosity which grows you, the giver. It not only deepens your relationship with God, but demonstrates your trust in God. No amount is too big or too small in the eyes of God.

MATURING IN CHRIST



God put on flesh & moved into our neighborhood



Maturing in Christ

You are making Jesus a part of your daily life, not just on Sundays. You know you belong and you hunger for a daily connection with The Creator. Your spiritual practices help you experience God's presence and begin to influence all that you do. You have begun serving God by serving others and you invite people to church regularly. Your faith works through love -- loving God and loving others and it is evident that you are becoming more Christ-like. As you are maturing in Christ, turn the page for your next steps.



Maturing in Christ
NEXT STEPS ON YOUR
JOURNEY OF DISCOVERY

SERVE

Make service a part of your life. Serve in and through your church. See our website for opportunities to serve at www.wildwood-umc.org. Find ways to serve in your community.

LEAD AND SERVE

Using your own gifts, find ways to lead others into service. Develop a new mission project or lead a small group. The opportunities are endless.

DEVELOP YOUR TESTIMONY

Learn how to tell your story about how Jesus has changed your life and share your story with others.

WORK TOWARDS TITHING

Giving 10% of your income (tithing) is a sacrifice that may require a shift in your priorities. Set a goal for how and when you will be able to tithe cheerfully.

CENTERED IN CHRIST



God's story is our story and our story is God's!

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Centered in Christ

Christ comes first in your life. You develop priorities based upon your faith. Your will is in alignment with God's will. You are God's. God is yours. Your goal is to love as Christ loves. You are so excited about your faith, you look for opportunities to challenge your spiritual growth and mentor others along the way. You understand that your spiritual journey of discovery is ongoing in this life.



Centered in Christ
NEXT STEPS ON YOUR
JOURNEY OF DISCOVERY

INVEST

Disciples make disciples. Help others become leaders for Christ.

BUILD

Using your God-given gifts, build new ministries in cooperation with the Pastors.

EXPLORE

What is God calling you to do next? Is it seminary courses, lay ministry, Stephen Ministry, retreats, mission trips?

Are you called into ordained ministry?

TESTIFY

Share your testimony and teach others to do the same.

GIVE

Give sacrificially.

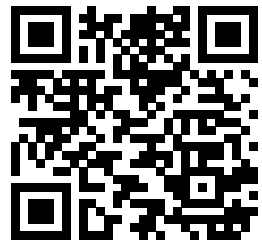
RESOURCES

Prayer

We believe in the power of prayer. There are multiple ways you can be involved:

- † Join the prayer team and pray from the comfort of your own home.
- † Join the prayer group that prays every Wednesday in the chapel @ 5pm.
- † Record your prayer requests on the cards in chair backs in sanctuary and drop in a collection plate.
- † Submit prayer requests on our website.

Contact Rev. Amy Boriack,
Pastor of Congregational
care for further information:
amy@wildwood-umc.org



Prayer Request form

Devotional

Join the pastors on Tuesdays @ noon for CrossTalk. We recommend The Upper Room, available in the office or at upperroom.org.

For more devotional resources contact Rev. Deanna Young: deanna@wildwood-umc.org

Bible Study

Our website is kept up-to-date with current small groups.

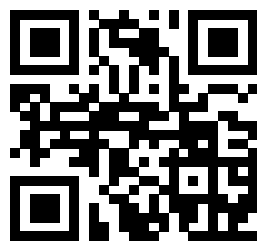
See insert for most current studies.

Giving

We recommend *Enough* by Adam Hamilton as a way to begin to understand the discipline of giving.

Ways to give:

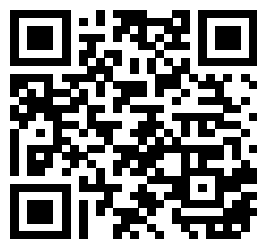
- † Online (QR code)
- † By check/mail
- † In church offering plate



Online Giving

How to Serve

Follow the QR code to find ways to serve.



Service Opportunities



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