

**Open Door**

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2025

# Winter Offerings

# Happenings

## STUDENT SKATING

Come on out and join us for skating at the Central Park Skate Loop. Bring your own skates (or rent for \$8.00, but it might be a long line!). Feel free to bring a game if you plan to hang out in the chalet and money if you want to purchase concessions. Bring friends and family members!

**WHEN:** Jan. 8, 7 – 9 P.M.

**WHERE:** Central Park Skate Loop, Maple Grove

**CONTACT:** Allison Anderson | [anderson@thedoor.org](mailto:anderson@thedoor.org)

## KIDS 4TH AND 5TH GRADE MEGA FUN RETREAT

Join us for broom ball, sledding, hiking, carpetball, foosball, a juggling unicyclist and more, all while enjoying time away with God and in worship!

**WHEN:** Jan. 10 – 11, 2025

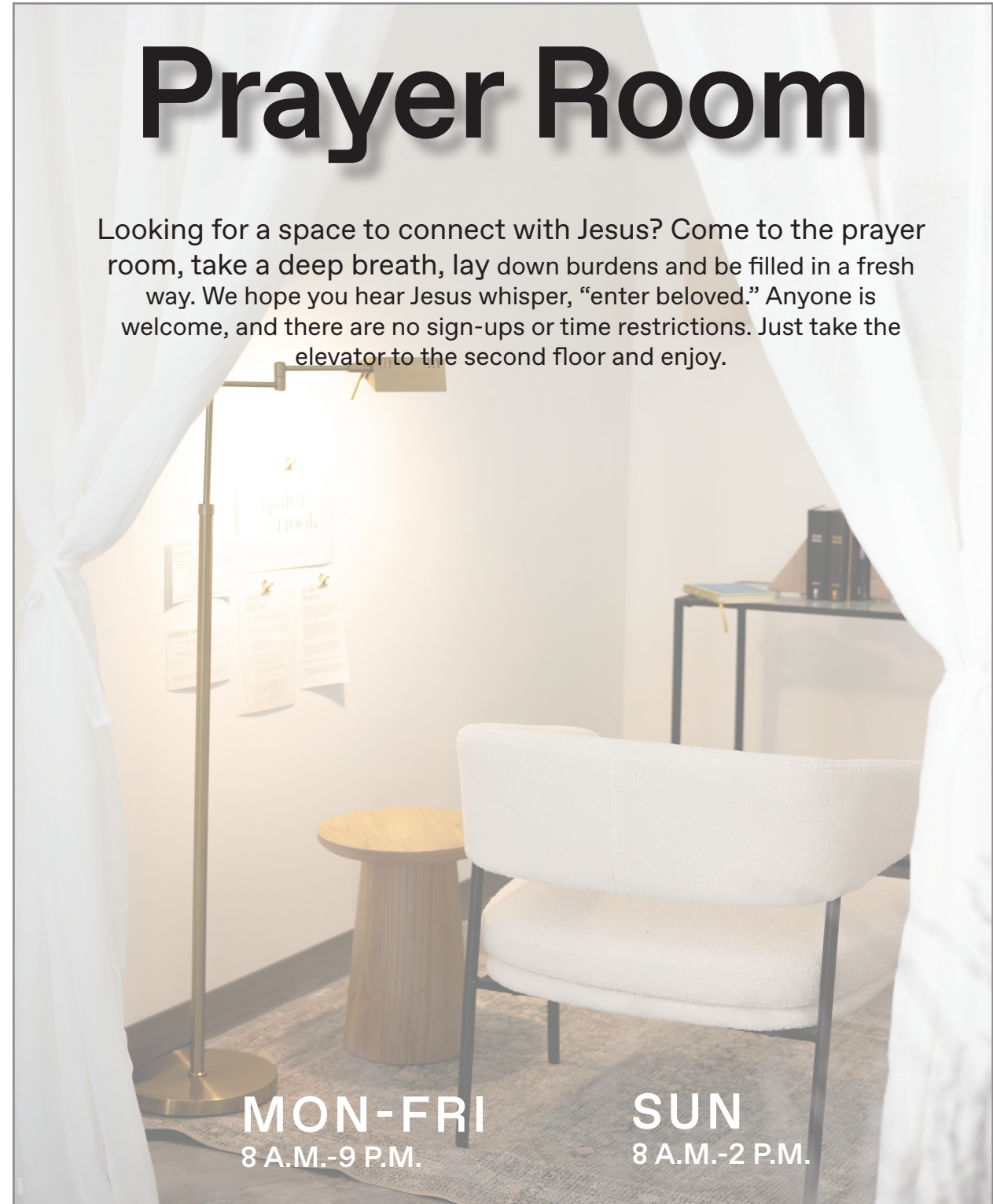
**WHERE:** Camp Lebanon

**CONTACT:** Sarah Pederson | [spederson@thedoor.org](mailto:spederson@thedoor.org)

**COST:** \$75 (scholarships available)

# Prayer Room

Looking for a space to connect with Jesus? Come to the prayer room, take a deep breath, lay down burdens and be filled in a fresh way. We hope you hear Jesus whisper, “enter beloved.” Anyone is welcome, and there are no sign-ups or time restrictions. Just take the elevator to the second floor and enjoy.



**MON-FRI**  
8 A.M.-9 P.M.

**SUN**  
8 A.M.-2 P.M.

**Our vision is to be a community radically committed to spiritual formation for the sake of others. Join us by practicing in the Restful Life.**

### **SLOVAKIA MISSION TRIP INFO. MEETING**

Interested in going on a mission trip? Come find out more about the next Slovakia mission trip happening next summer, where Open Door is joining GoodSports for the 29th annual summer baseball / sports / English camp in Klačno, Slovakia. See how you can be Jesus with skin on for the youth and volunteers! Applications are due February 19th. Register today!



**WHEN:** Jan. 12 and Jan. 26, 11:30 – 12:30 P.M.  
**WHERE:** Open Door, Chapel  
**CONTACT:** Tom Johnson | [tjohnson@thedoor.org](mailto:tjohnson@thedoor.org)

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### **GUATEMALA MISSION TRIP INFO. MEETING**

Come hear about Open Door's partnership with Food for the Hungry in Guatemala and consider joining the next trip August 10-17, 2025. We get the joy of supporting the small village of Caserio Lopez, visiting sponsored children and continuing to build relationships with the community members and leaders. Each trip is unique! Applications are due February 28th. Register today!



**WHEN:** Jan. 19, after the gathering  
**WHERE:** Open Door, Chapel  
**WHO:** Ages: 16+ (unless with parent)  
**CONTACT:** Dawn Wood | [dwood@thedoor.org](mailto:dwood@thedoor.org)

<https://me-qr.com/7WmeR0tm>

### **NEWCOMER'S GATHERING**

Get to know the leadership of Open Door at one of our Newcomer's Gatherings. Here you'll find space to ask questions and share what brought you to Open Door.

**WHEN:** Jan. 26, Mar. 30, Apr. 27, July 27, 11:30 – 12:15 P.M.  
**WHERE:** Open Door, Window Room  
**CONTACT:** Jenn Tjepkes | [jtjepkes@thedoor.org](mailto:jtjepkes@thedoor.org)

## KIDS WINTER BASH

Join us for some open-house-style winter fun on Sunday, Feb. 2 anytime between 12 and 2 p.m. Bring your lunch or door dash it and eat lunch in the “warming house” (room 23). Bring sleds and dress warm (we will have tables in the back hall to store your snow clothes/lunch on during the service). No registration required.

**WHEN:** Feb. 2, anytime between 12 and 2 P.M.  
**WHERE:** Open Door  
**CONTACT:** Tami Madison | [tmadison@thedoor.org](mailto:tmadison@thedoor.org)

## BAPTISM

Welcome to a wonderful opportunity to affirm your faith in Jesus! Baptism is an important step on our spiritual journey, a way to affirm the faith which has taken root in our hearts. Come celebrate with others in the experience of baptism! All candidates (kids, youth, and adults) will go through a short preparation process once we receive your information. Register by Feb 8th.

**WHEN:** Feb. 9 & Apr. 20 or 27, after the gathering  
**WHERE:** Open Door, Baptismal  
**CONTACT:** Annie-Claude Toll | [atoll@thedoor.org](mailto:atoll@thedoor.org)



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## STUDENTS WINTER RETREAT

Students in grades 6-12 are invited to Camp Lebanon for the winter retreat. It's a great time to get away from distractions, dive deeper in your faith, make new friends, deepen relationships and have a lot of FUN! Scholarships are available. Register before we fill up or by February 5.

**WHEN:** Feb. 14, 5 P.M. – Feb. 16, 2 P.M.  
**WHERE:** Camp Lebanon  
**CONTACT:** Jacob Martin | [jmartin@thedoor.org](mailto:jmartin@thedoor.org)  
**COST:** \$160 (scholarships available)



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## WIDOW'S WELL (A WOMEN'S GROUP)

This is a place where widows can connect with others who understand what it feels like to lose someone so close. Come together with other women in a safe and nurturing environment to continue to grow and learn in this season of life. Walk-ins welcome.

**WHEN:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays, 11:30 A.M. – 1:30 P.M.  
**WHERE:** Open Door, Room 104  
**CONTACT:** Annie-Claude Toll | [atoll@thedoor.org](mailto:atoll@thedoor.org)

## SEEKING PEACE (A PRAYER SESSION)

Would you like to connect with Jesus amid challenges in your everyday life? Are you seeking healing, restoration, deliverance and/or peace? Would you like to sit with another person and invite Jesus's presence into your life? Sign up for a one-hour session that involves creating space to listen for Jesus and being led through a prayer experience to connect with Him.

**WHEN:** Dates and Times Vary  
**WHERE:** Open Door  
**CONTACT:** Rose Larson | [rlarson@thedoor.org](mailto:rlarson@thedoor.org)

# Questions?

[info@thedoor.org](mailto:info@thedoor.org)

[thedoor.org/leadership](https://thedoor.org/leadership)



# Support & Prayer

## ADDICTION RECOVERY FOR FAMILY & FRIENDS

In this group, we'll learn strategies to invite change in ourselves and others. We will also receive support, tools, hope and a way of being that invites growth and spiritual formation in all our relationships.



**WHEN:** Thursdays, 7 - 8:30 P.M.

**WHERE:** Zoom

**CONTACT:** Jill DiLoreto | diloreto5@comcast.net

**COST:** \$25 for the workbook.

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## MOURNING OUR LOSSES, WAITING IN HOPE

Come together in a safe, welcoming space to explore the experiences of grief and loss in our lives and in the life of Jesus. You will have the opportunity to share where you are in your grief journey as well as practice ways of becoming present to God's loving presence with others. Walk-ins are welcome.

**WHEN:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays, 11:30 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.

**WHERE:** Open Door, Room 104

**CONTACT:** Bob McKenna | bob@thedor.org

## CHILD DEDICATION

Dedicate your child to God's trustworthy and loving hands and publicly state your intention to raise them in the Christian faith. Dedication happens in the Sunday Gathering on February 23rd. Parents, please plan to attend a preparation class on Sunday, February, 16th at 8:00 p.m. via Zoom. Register by Sunday, February 16th.

**WHEN:** Feb. 23, during Sunday Gathering

**WHERE:** Open Door

**CONTACT:** Allison Anderson | anderson@thedor.org



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## KIDS VOLUNTEER FIESTA FUEL UP!

The OD Kids' team is so grateful for you! We want to show our appreciation for all the ways you share the love of Jesus to our kids and their families. You and your immediate family members are invited to join us for a Fiesta Fuel-Up Taco Lunch on Sunday, February 23rd at 12:00 p.m. in the Gym. Register by Feb 16.

**WHEN:** Feb. 23, 12 P.M.

**WHERE:** Open Door, Gym

**CONTACT:** Sarah Pederson | spederson@thedor.org



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## SOUL CARE GROUP

Interested in deep freedom and inner healing? Join a group reading Soul Care by Rob Reimer, which walks through seven principles of spiritual formation around Christian discipleship: identity, repentance, overcoming family sin patterns, forgiveness, healing wounds, overcoming fears and deliverance. Register by March 5.

**WHEN:** Thursdays, Mar. 6 – Apr. 24, 6:30-8 P.M. (No meeting Apr. 3)

**WHERE:** Open Door, Window Room

**CONTACT:** Rose Larson | rl Larson@thedor.org

**COST:** \$12.00 for the book



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## KIDS DINNER AND A MOVIE 2025

Pizza, popcorn and a movie! Share a meal and watch a movie (movie TBD) with all your favorite Open-Door families (kids from newborns through 5th-grade). Blankets, pillows, red carpet attire or pjs and friends are encouraged! Register by March 3rd.

**WHEN:** Mar. 7, 6 – 8 P.M.

**WHERE:** Open Door, Lower Level

**CONTACT:** Tami Madison | [tmadison@thedoor.org](mailto:tmadison@thedoor.org)

**COST:** \$15 per pizza



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## DAYTON MOBILE HOPE: HOMEWORK HELP

Homework Help is for K-12th grade students at Mobile Hope. Training is provided and no special education or skills are necessary, other than a willingness to walk alongside students as they learn. We are looking for people middle school age and older to join the team! Register today.

**WHEN:** Mon., Tues. and Wed. through May, 3:30 – 5:30 P.M.

**WHERE:** 503 York Ave., Dayton, MN. 55327

**CONTACT:** Maggie Currier | [maggie@mobilehopemn.org](mailto:maggie@mobilehopemn.org)



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## EXILES IN BABYLON CONFERENCE

Open Door is hosting Exiles in Babylon, a 3-day conference designed to engage the most polarizing topics in the church today. We'll tackle tough issues together, think biblically and Christianly about them, resisting the noise of the culture wars to better love our neighbors. Tickets are limited, so sign up today!

**WHEN:** Apr. 3-5

**WHERE:** Open Door

**COST:** \$229 early bird (until Feb. 14) \$259 regular



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## MN FOODSHARE

Minnesota FoodShare has worked to address food insecurity and poverty by engaging communities in giving food to support our neighborhoods and communities. Join our church family in donating non-perishable food that will be given to CEAP, Cross Services and the MELA food shelf. Drop your donations off by the chalk wall throughout the month of March.

**WHEN:** Mar. 2 – Mar. 30

**WHERE:** Open Door, Chalk Wall

**CONTACT:** Dawn Wood and Tom Johnson | [dwood@thedoor.org](mailto:dwood@thedoor.org); [tjohnson@thedoor.org](mailto:tjohnson@thedoor.org)

## SMALL GROUP COMMUNITIES

Our spiritual journey was never meant to be walked alone. Join a small group community to share a meal, pray and practice the way of Jesus! Sign up with friends to deepen current relationships or on your own to build new ones. Next session launches in April – register today!

**WHEN:** Monthly (or more often)

**WHERE:** In homes

**CONTACT:** Jenn Tjepkes | [jtjepkes@thedoor.org](mailto:jtjepkes@thedoor.org)



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# Looking for Sunday's announcements?

[www.thedoor.org/announcements/](http://www.thedoor.org/announcements/)



# Service Opportunities

## FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

Lack of access to healthy food is a problem for many people around the world and you can help make a difference! Have fun with family and friends by packing meals together at Feed My Starving Children (Coon Rapids location). Register by the Friday before the event.

**WHEN:** Jan. 18, Feb. 8, Mar. 8, Apr. 12, 9:30 – 11:15 A.M.  
**WHERE:** Feed My Starving Children, Coon Rapids  
**CONTACT:** Kimla Abeler | KimlaAbeler@gmail.com



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## HEARTS IN ACTION (A MEN'S GROUP)

This group of men helps our church and local community by serving single mothers, widows, and those with special needs through home projects. Men of all ages welcome - bring your sons!

**WHEN/WHERE:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays, 7 A.M. breakfast; 8:30 A.M. head to work sites  
**NEEDS:** Maureen Pranghofer | maureensmusic@comcast.net  
**SERVE:** Del Sipma | dsimpma@comcast.net or (952) 412-7333

## MEN'S BREAKFAST

You're invited to a free breakfast with other men from Open Door (and beyond!) to experience connection, good conversation and story. Please register by February 20th, so we have a good idea of how much food to prepare. Register today.

**WHEN:** Feb. 22, 8:30 – 10:30 A.M.  
**WHERE:** Open Door, Chapel  
**CONTACT:** Ben Monseth | benmonseth@gmail.com



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## PICKLEBALL

Join us for some fast-paced action and friendly competition on the pickleball court! We rented the whole place out for an 18 + Open Door Round Robin Tournament. Sign up for a slot and bring a snack to share. We'll supply the refreshing off-court drinks (pop & water). All skill levels welcome!

**WHEN:** Feb. 23, 3-4:25 P.M. or 4:35-6 P.M.  
**WHERE:** Pickle in the Middle, 7700 68th Ave N, Brooklyn Park, MN 55428  
**CONTACT:** Sarah Adams | sassysarahadams@gmail.com  
**COST:** Suggested donation of \$10 per player



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## TASTE AND SEE...A WOMEN'S DINNER GATHERING

Join us as we share a meal, reflect on the goodness of God, and look to Him for satisfaction. He meets with us and fills us as we meet with each other! Bring your favorite potluck item to share and join this community of women gathering to taste and see that the Lord is good.

**WHEN:** Apr. 11 and May 16, 6 P.M.  
**WHERE:** Open Door, Window Room  
**CONTACT:** Laurie Mikkola | laurmikk@hotmail.com

# Weekly Learning Communities

## BIBLE STUDY HOUR

Whether you're new to scripture or not, we'd love to have you join us before church for a verse-by-verse study of the Bible in a relaxed and discussion-oriented format. We'll start in Genesis and decide together where we go next! No sign-ups, just show up. Led by Ronn Johnson.

**WHEN:** Sundays, 8:45-9:45 A.M.

**WHERE:** Open Door, Room 104

**CONTACT:** Ronn Johnson | ronjohnson7@gmail.com

## MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

If you're looking to grow in your relationship with God with a group of guys trying to do the same, this space is for you! Join with other men Wednesday mornings to study God's Word and be encouraged through community and connection. Walk-ins welcome.

**WHEN:** Wednesdays, 6:45-7:45 A.M.

**WHERE:** Open Door, Room 104 & 112 (Zoom option available)

**CONTACT:** Bruce Kuehl | (612) 414-3825 | bruceckuehl@gmail.com

## KIDS OPEN GYM

School's out, so let's gather our kids and drink some coffee together! We'll have the gym open and coffee brewing. Bring your own snacks and join the fun!

**WHEN:** Jan. 20, 10 – 11:30 A.M.

**WHERE:** Open Door, Gym

**CONTACT:** Tami Madison | tmadison@thedor.org

## KIDS 4TH & 5TH GRADE GUYS NIGHT

4th or 5th grade guys, join us for a night of laser tag, gym games, snacks and GUY TIME. We would love for your friends to join us! Register by March 23rd.

**WHEN:** Mar. 26, 7 – 8:30 P.M.

**WHERE:** Open Door, Lower Level

**CONTACT:** Sarah Pederson | spederson@thedor.org



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## KIDS 4TH & 5TH GRADE GIRLS NIGHT

4th or 5th grade girls, join us for a night of laser tag, gym games, snacks and GIRL TIME. We would love for your friends to join us! Register by April 9.

**WHEN:** Apr. 16, 7 – 8:30 P.M.

**WHERE:** Open Door, Lower Level

**CONTACT:** Sarah Pederson | spederson@thedor.org



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# Kids & Students

## STUDENT SERVICE NIGHTS (SN) AND WEDNESDAY NIGHT GATHERINGS (WNG)

Students from 6th – 12th grade, join us any Wednesday for Service Nights and/or Wednesday Night Gatherings! Both are opportunities to encounter Jesus whether studying scripture, worshipping, or serving others.

**WHEN:**

SN: 1<sup>st</sup> Wed. of the month through March, 6:15 – 9 P.M.

WNG: Now until Mar.; 7 – 8:45 P.M.

**WHERE:** SN, varies | WNG, Open Door

**CONTACT:** Jacob Martin | [jmartin@thedoor.org](mailto:jmartin@thedoor.org)



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## KIDS 4TH & 5TH GRADE WEDNESDAYS

Do you want to go deeper in your walk with Jesus but have a hard time reading and understanding the Bible? Join other 4th & 5th grade students for this eight-week study where we will explore the Bible through games, questions, study and conversation. And of course, there will be SNACKS. Register today.

**WHEN:** Jan. 15 – Mar. 5, 7 - 8:30 P.M.

**WHERE:** Open Door

**CONTACT:** Sarah Pederson | [spederson@thedoor.org](mailto:spederson@thedoor.org)



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## TRANSFORMING FELLOWSHIP

Join us for a book study on Transforming Fellowship by Chris Coursey, which provides a pathway for developing deep love and the skills we need to live like Jesus. Transforming Fellowship covers 19 critical relational skills to live with resilience, peace, and joy. Register today.

**WHEN:** Tuesdays, Jan. 14 – Mar. 4; 7 to 8:30 P.M.

**WHERE:** Zoom

**CONTACT:** Lisa Nygard, [lisa.thirsty@gmail.com](mailto:lisa.thirsty@gmail.com)

**COST:** \$15 for the book



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## THURSDAY NIGHT MEN'S GROUP

Hey guys! We're taking time each month to hang out, share stories and friendship, and deepen our lives with God together. There's laughter, camaraderie, community and support in a laid-back environment.

**WHEN:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays, 6:30 – 8:30 P.M.

**WHERE:** Local Backyards or Open Door (changes monthly; contact Ben to sign up & receive location info.)

**CONTACT:** Ben Monseth | [benmonseth@gmail.com](mailto:benmonseth@gmail.com)

## WOMEN'S WEDNESDAY EVENING BOOK STUDY

Join us for the Women's Spring Book Study where we will dive into the book *Practicing the Way* by John Mark Comer. *Practicing the Way* is a vision for the future, shaped by the wisdom of the past. It's an introduction to spiritual formation accessible to both beginners and lifelong followers of Jesus.

**WHEN:** Wednesdays, Feb. 5 – Apr. 2, 7 – 8:30 P.M.

**WHERE:** Open Door, Lower Level

**CONTACT:** Jenn Tjepkes | [jtjepkes@thedoor.org](mailto:jtjepkes@thedoor.org)

**COST:** \$30 for the book



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## WOMEN'S THURSDAY MORNING BOOK STUDY

Join us for the Women's Spring Book Study where we will dive into the book *Practicing the Way* by John Mark Comer. *Practicing the Way* is a vision for the future, shaped by the wisdom of the past. It's an introduction to spiritual formation accessible to both beginners and lifelong followers of Jesus. Childcare provided.

**WHEN:** Thursdays, Feb. 6 – Apr. 3, 10 – 11:30 A.M.  
**WHERE:** Open Door, Lower Level  
**CONTACT:** Jenn Tjepkes | [jtjepkes@thedoor.org](mailto:jtjepkes@thedoor.org)  
**COST:** \$30 for the book



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## YOUNG ADULTS LUNCH

Meet some young adults and have lunch together after church. Whether you're starting college or starting your career...we all need to eat! Whether we are at church or at a local restaurant, just show up and we'll save you a spot. Follow us on instagram for the most current location: @odyoungadults No registration needed.

**WHEN:** 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays through Apr., 11:30 A.M. – 1 P.M.  
**WHERE:** Open Door, Chapel or Local Restaurants  
**CONTACT:** Tricia | [tniznik18@gmail.com](mailto:tniznik18@gmail.com)

## WOMEN'S WORSHIP GATHERING

Women and teenage ladies, join us as we gather for a time of worship, prayer and fellowship.

**WHEN:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturdays, 10 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.  
**WHERE:** Open Door, Window Room  
**CONTACT:** Cheryl Skelly | [heavenlydirected@yahoo.com](mailto:heavenlydirected@yahoo.com)

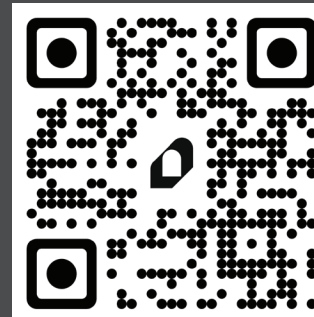
## MARRIAGE IN COMMUNITY

Couples, strengthen your bond and enhance your marriage at this monthly night filled with stories, discussion, and meaningful connection with other couples. Whether you are newlyweds or seasoned partners, this is a great opportunity to invest in your relationship. Join anytime!

**WHEN:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays, 6 – 7:30 P.M.  
**WHERE:** Open Door, Chapel  
**CONTACT:** Dre Monseth | [dremonseth@gmail.com](mailto:dremonseth@gmail.com)

# Sign up

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