



VBP Connects

FALL 2026

These are opportunities to stay
connected with other church
members and friends around
particular interests.



VBP Connects Fall Small Groups

Journal Together

Leaders: Carolyn Schueller & Diane Hinderlie

Location: Valley of Peace Fireside Room

Dates & Time: Three Thursday Evenings:
10/29, 11/5, 11/12, from 7-8 pm

Description: Journaling is often a solitary activity. How about writing journal entries in a community? We'll try several different styles of journaling and talk about how they work for us. You never have to share what you write, although that will sometimes be an option. Whether you have kept any sort of journal, or none, we'll write individually, together, with both structure and flexibility. Open to anyone 16+.

No fancy "journal" needed; bring anything you like to write with and on.

Sign Up: RSVP to Carolyn Schueller at 763-607-5781

Giving Voice to Grief

Leaders: Pastor Ashley Osborn, Kirsten Kessel, Darcie Rodman, and Chrys Johnson as host

Location: Valley of Peace Fireside Room

Dates & Time: Sundays from 1:30 - 3:00 pm:
11/15, 11/22, 12/6, 12/13

Description: Grief comes in many forms—not only through the death of someone we love, but also through the loss of a pet, a job, a relationship, or something else that has shaped our lives. Join us for four gatherings where we will make space to name our losses, listen to one another, share stories, and remember that we do not have to carry our grief alone. Each session will focus on a different kind of loss, with time for conversation, reflection, prayer, and resources for support. All are welcome, whether your loss is recent or something you have carried for many years.

November 15: The Loss of Pets

November 22: The Loss of a Job/Vocation

December 6: The Loss of a Relationship

December 13: The Loss of a Loved One

Participants will also be invited to gather for The Longest Night Worship Service on Sunday, December 20 at 6:30 pm, as we close our time together with prayer, remembrance, and hope.

Sign Up: No sign up needed and you do not need to attend every session.

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There are three opportunities for small-group connection this fall around particular interests. All are welcome!

Mending Matters

Leaders: Kris Miller & Linda Peterson

Location: Valley of Peace Fireside Room

Dates & Time: Saturday Mornings - once a month for three months: October 24, November 14, and December 12, from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Description: This is a crafting circle for those who want to learn better stewardship of their belongings. Have a pair of pants that need hemming? Do you keep meaning to mend that hole in your shirt? Let's put our heads together and encourage each other's progress in the care of our clothes and fabrics!

This is an amateur-led and amateur-friendly group - also, if you don't have sewing projects but just want some company while working on your own craft, you are welcome as well! All ages/genders/abilities welcome.

Sign Up: No need to RSVP, but contact one of us if you'll need to borrow specific tools, need help on a specific project, or have a skill you want to teach!
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