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AN INVITATION TO SUNDAY SCHOOL



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... **JOIN US EVERY WEEK** ...

SUNDAYS

MORNING WORSHIP

BRIDGE CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP | CHITWOOD HALL
9:00 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.

TRADITIONS WORSHIP | SANCTUARY

9:00 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.

WEDNESDAYS

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS ALIVE

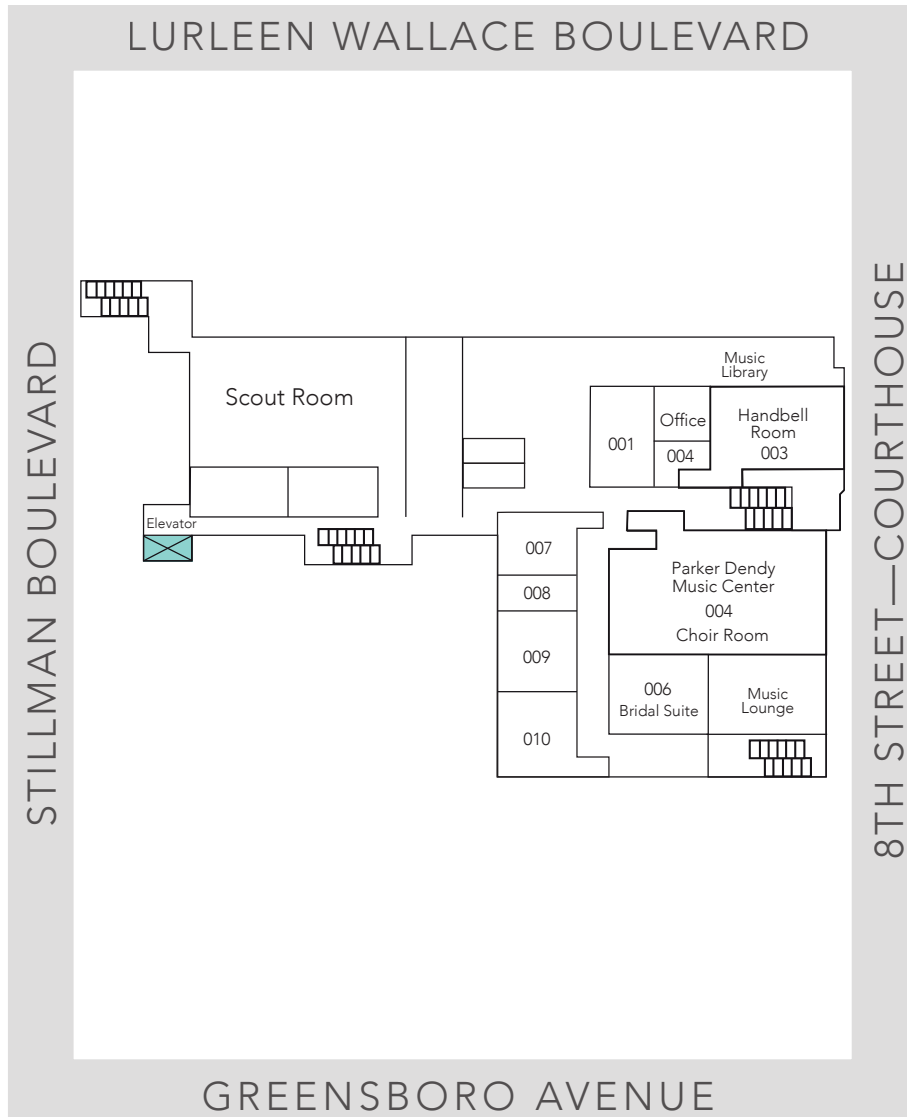
MEAL | 5:45 P.M.

CLASSES | 6:00 P.M.

... WHERE IS MY CLASS? ...

LOWER LEVEL BUILDING GUIDE

■ Elevator



Dear Friends,

I would like to invite you to join us for one of our Sunday school classes. If you have never been part of Sunday school at First Methodist, then you should know you are in for a great experience.

First Methodist's Sunday school classes are comprised of people who spend time learning, praying, eating, playing and serving together. These classes allow you to deepen your faith in God and get connected to some great people at the same time.

We have a number of different classes that you can choose from—depending on age and topics of interest. As you read through this booklet, you will find descriptions of these classes and you are free to choose the class that you feel would be most helpful for you.

I hope that you will join a class and discover what hundreds of others around here have discovered—Sunday school is a great place to connect with others and take the next step in your walk with Jesus.

Jesse

Rev. Jesse Tosten

Pastor of Contemporary Worship

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... SUNDAY SCHOOL FAQ'S ...

WHY JOIN A CLASS?

Here are four great reasons to sign up for a Sunday school class:

- You will grow spiritually and learn more about the Bible...
- You will meet new friends...
- You will give and receive encouragement and care...
- You will have a lot of fun.

WHAT DO THE CLASSES DO TOGETHER?

There are three common elements to most classes. First, we catch up with one another. We eat, talk, listen and laugh. Secondly, we spend time discussing some kind of Bible-based curriculum. Thirdly, we usually spend some time praying for one another (no one is pressured to pray out loud). All classes meet for around 50 minutes. All classes are encouraged to discuss and decide how they can serve together in the community at least once a semester.

WHO ATTENDS THE CLASSES?

Anyone! Not just members of First Methodist, but anyone who expresses an interest is welcome.

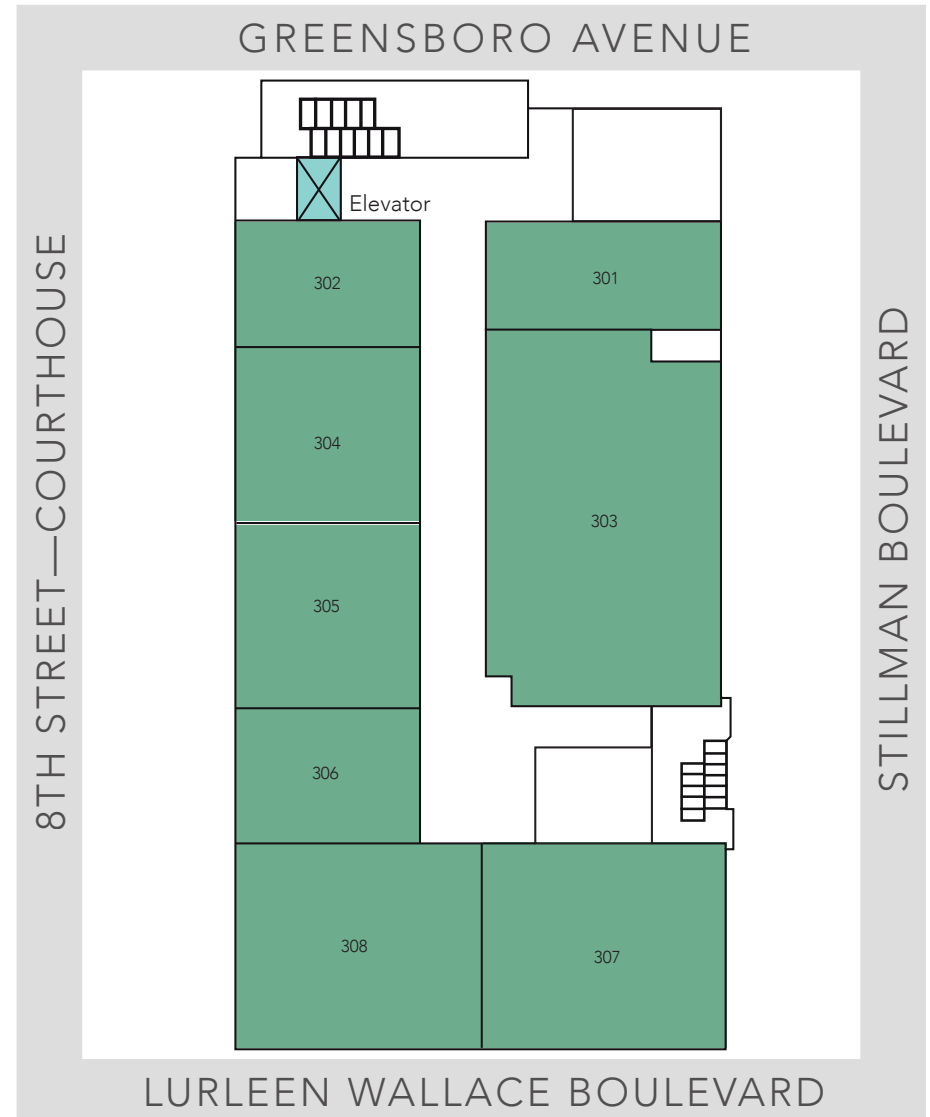
HOW DO I SIGN UP?

No need to sign up—just head to the location of your class of choice.

... WHERE IS MY CLASS? ...

3RD FLOOR BUILDING GUIDE

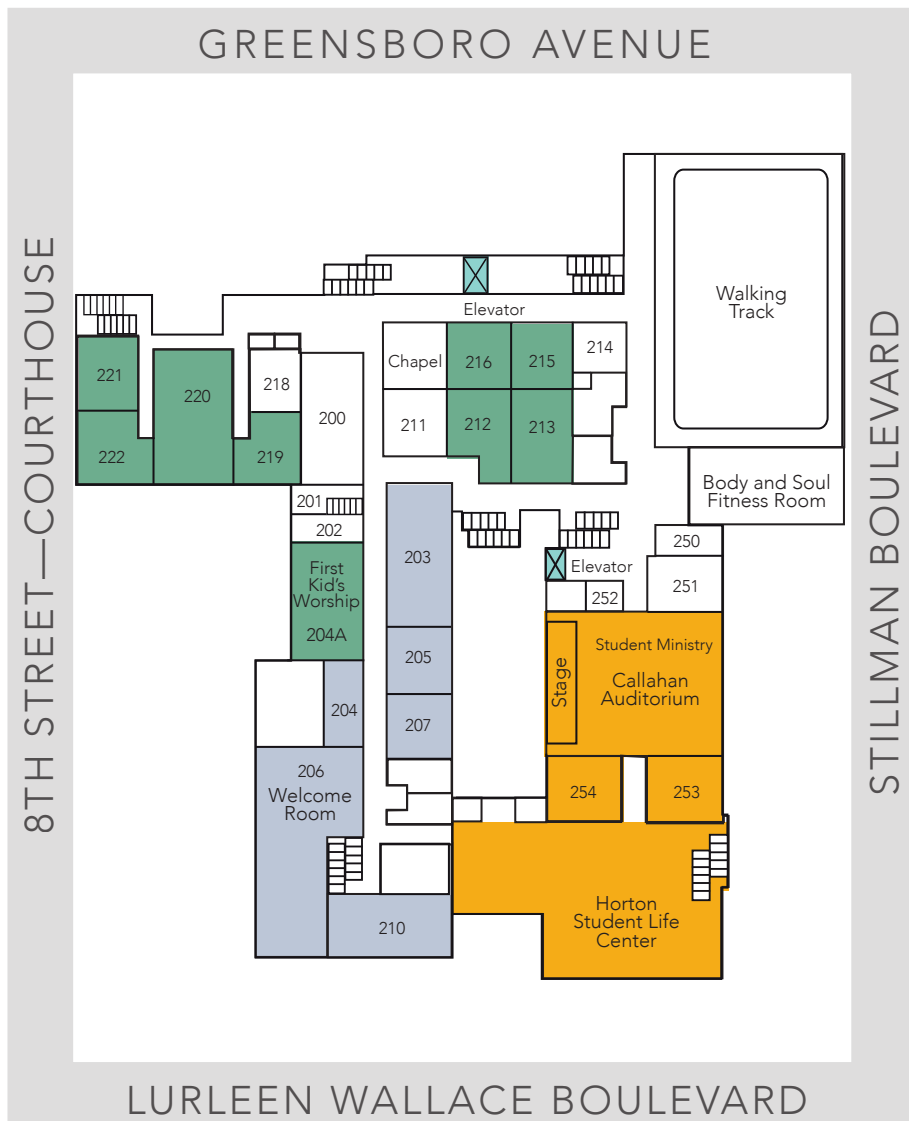
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WHERE IS MY CLASS?

2ND FLOOR BUILDING GUIDE

- Children's Ministry
- Sunday school Classes
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- Student Ministry



WHY DO WE HAVE SUNDAY SCHOOL?

We believe there are three core relationships that every follower of Christ should be developing: our relationship with God, with each other, and with the world around us. Sunday school classes are designed to facilitate the development of these relationships.

WHEN DO SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES MEET?

All of our classes meet at 10:00 a.m. between our worship services. If you're an early morning person you can attend the 9:00 a.m. service, grab some coffee and head up to a class. If you're a late riser, you can still get your coffee and then come first to Sunday school at 10:00 a.m., then join us in worship at 11:00 a.m.

DO CLASSES TAKE TIME OFF?

Each individual class decides when they will stop meeting for a time (summer break/Christmas). You are welcome to attend any class whenever your schedule allows. In fact, any week your regular class does not meet, you're welcome to join another class for that day.

WHAT ABOUT MY CHILDREN & YOUTH?

We have great programs for your children and youth while you are attending a class of your own:

NURSERY (BIRTH-2 YEARS)

During the Sunday school hour childcare is available for birth- 1 year old. For 2 years old and above see our Sunday school options.

PRESCHOOL (2-4 YEARS)

Preschool Sunday school is for your 2–4 year-old and meets on the preschool hall (first floor). Each age group has a volunteer who engages the children in meaningful Bible activities. Your 3-4 year-old will spend 15 minutes during Sunday school in music class.

KINDERGARTEN-3RD GRADE

Kindergarten - 3rd grade children gather in the Welcome Room (206). They participate in scriptural games, worship, storytelling, music and mission projects that are hands-on and engaging. Each month the children study a different Bible story and make new friends in a fun environment.

PRETEEN (4TH-5TH GRADE)

Students in 4th and 5th grade Sunday school gather in a class called "Souled Out". They meet in room 203 each week for fellowship and a Bible lesson. This class is geared to the older elementary children and includes deeper conversations and social activities.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Middle school students (6th-8th grade) meet every week in the Horton Café (second floor) at 10:00 a.m. This class is a great time for students to meet one another in a smaller setting to discuss God's Word. The class is led by our student director and student interns.

HIGH SCHOOL

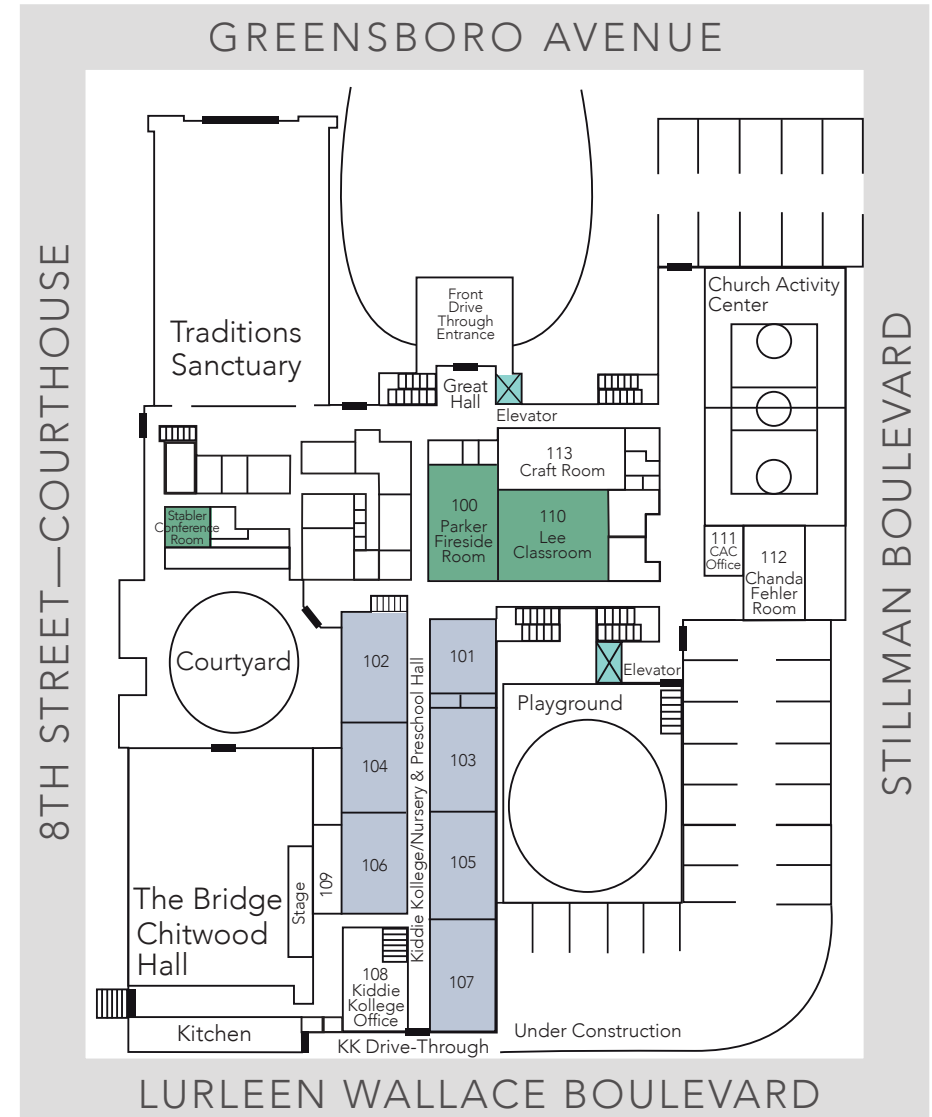
High school students (9th-12th grade) meet every week in the Horton Café (second floor) at 10:00 a.m. It is a great time for students to be more involved in a small group discussion on God's Word and develop relationships with other students. Studies consist of books of the Bible and various contemporary topics.

*Room 204 is open every Sunday for parents to gather for fellowship and coffee. Information is available for visitors regarding Adult Sunday school classes and church activities. Please feel free to come and go each week.

... WHERE IS MY CLASS? ...

1ST FLOOR BUILDING GUIDE

- Childcare Rooms
- Sunday School Classes
- Elevator



| GENESIS |

COUPLES & SINGLES | AGES 60'S+ | ROOM 304 | LED BY CLASS MEMBERS

Our class consists of both singles and couples who are growing in their faith. Our class usually consists of lecture and discussion based teaching on a biblical topic. We support many service projects, including Cooking for Christ. We value social gatherings throughout the year. We invite you to come grow and serve with us.

| ARTOS |

COUPLES & SINGLES | AGES 65+ | ROOM 220 | LED BY PASTORAL STAFF & LAY LEADERS

Our class seeks to study a wide variety of topics, including Bible study, spiritual growth, social issues and church issues. We are a group of people who are single, married, widowed and divorced—all are welcome. We have a diverse membership where we care for each other and participate in numerous mission and social events. We welcome new members and would love for you to come and be a part of our class.

| FRIENDSHIP |

COUPLES & SINGLES | AGES 65+ | ROOM 215 | LED BY WADE MILLER & ANN CURRY

Our class consists of single, married, widowed and divorced people who care for one another and value each other. We study the Bible, spiritual issues and the social issues of today. We enjoy social events where we grow together as a community. We would love for you to join us.

| LEE |

COUPLES & SINGLES | AGES 50+ | ROOM 110 | LED BY PASTORAL STAFF & LAY LEADERS | CURRICULUM: ADULT BIBLE STUDY FROM COKESBURY

Our class consists of people from all walks of life – single, married, widowed and divorced. We feel strongly about studying the Bible and in caring for one another. We are faithful in keeping in touch with each other and caring for each other in times of difficulty. If you want to be a part of a caring group, the Lee class is for you.

... CLASSES ...

| COLLEGE |

SINGLES | AGES 18-22 | ROOM 213 | LED BY STEPHEN STROUD & JOSHUA DAVIS

Our class seeks to bring college and young adults together to discuss important and relevant topics surrounding faith, culture and life. During our college and young adult years, it can be difficult to find a safe space to talk about faith and life. Join us as we honestly discuss relevant topics centered around issues that impact young adults and college students.

| ROOTED |

COUPLES & SINGLES | AGES 20'S-30'S | ROOM 219 | HUNTER LEARNING CENTER

Our class connects in a casual setting with other young adults who want to make a difference in the world. Whether married or single, if you're in your 20s and 30s, join us as we pursue God's best for our lives. During 2019, we will be studying a different book of the bible every 6 weeks and discuss how they relate to us today. We eat, hang out, laugh and get to know each other both inside and outside the classroom and in addition to Sunday morning class, we meet on Thursday nights for women and men's fellowship nights. Everyone is welcome Sunday mornings or Thursday nights. Our class motto is "Rooted in Christ, Rooted in Friendship and Rooted in Love."

| FOUNDATIONS |

COUPLES & SINGLES | 20'S-30'S | ROOM 308 | ECHOLS LEARNING CENTER

Our class is made up of young couples and singles who study the Bible and how those teachings apply to our lives. Our goals include studying the Bible, fellowship outside of class once a month and serving others through local missions.

| RAISING KINGDOM KIDS |

COUPLES & SINGLES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN | ROOM 216 | LED BY MEGAN WINNINGHAM

Our mission is to steward the children God has blessed us with. Raising kids who recognize their identity as children of the King launches healthy adults with capacity to stand strong in their faith. You'll grow in confidence as you discover your worth as a parent based on God's word. We also connect as a community through social gatherings and participate in service projects connected to our children's ministry throughout the year.

| GRACE |

COUPLES & SINGLES | AGES 30'S-40'S | ROOM 221 | LED BY ADAM LANG & DR. LEWIS COLE

Our class seeks to form disciples of Christ by Bible study, with a particular focus on the New Testament. We also use other spiritually based books. Through our study of scripture, we discuss what it looks like to practice what the Bible teaches us about being a Christ follower and living out our faith in everyday life. Join us as together we explore how the Bible is relevant and important for our lives today.

| SUNDAY SCHOOL 101 |

COUPLES & SINGLES | AGES 30'S-50'S | ROOM 212 | LED BY CLASS MEMBERS

Our class seeks to come together to study scripture-based material that is designed to facilitate honest discussion of matters related to faith, life, social issues and personal concern. We select short term (6-8) week studies that often use a video format. We encourage you to join us as we grow in our faith and in our friendship with one another!

| ADVENT |

COUPLES & SINGLES | AGES 40'S-50'S | ROOM 306 | LED BY CYNTHIA ALMOND

Our class draws people from a wide variety of backgrounds, experiences and views. We are judges and lawyers, bikers and professors, architects and electricians! We value the importance of free and honest discussion, open dialogue and loving disagreement, all tied to spiritual growth and active discipleship. All are welcome!

| TRINITY |

COUPLES & SINGLES | AGES 40'S-50'S | ROOM 305 | LED BY REV. RANDY ALLEN, JOHN HIGGINBOTHAM, TERRI BOMAN & JOEL MCLAUGHLIN

Our class seeks to focus on integrating the truths and principles of scripture into our everyday lives. While we are biblically focused, we also look at questions impacting our lives, social issues, and personal concern. Come join this friendly group of people in order to grow closer to God and others.

| NEW LIFE |

COUPLES & SINGLES | AGES 40'S-60'S | ROOM 307 | LED BY CLASS MEMBERS

Our class welcomes all age groups to our class, but the majority of us have grown children. We study both the Bible and other sources of spiritual growth to give us a deeper understanding of our relationship to Jesus and His guidance in our walk with Him. We emphasize community as we care and pray for each other. We also participate as a group in social and mission events.

| COVENANT |

COUPLES & SINGLES | AGES 50'S-60'S | ROOM 303 | LED BY CLASS MEMBERS

Our class is a welcoming group of people who strive to care and support all members of our class. We consist of single and married people who enjoy spending time with one another as we grow in our faith. We support various mission projects and also have occasional social events outside of Sunday morning. We would be honored for you to come join us.

| ASBURY |

COUPLES & SINGLES | AGES 50+ | ROOM 222 | LED BY BILL DONALD, CLAIRE STEPHENS, JANE & JERRY EURE

Our class consists of a group of people who are caring and theologically-progressive who are striving to grow in our faith and service to God. Weekly lessons include a wide variety of topics including Bible study, current social issues, historical perspectives, and spiritual growth. We support various mission projects and have occasional covered-dish suppers. You are invited to join us anytime. We would be delighted to welcome you.