

RECAP OF DECISIONS ON RECHARGE SURVEY

January 23, 2024

1. The committee will announce ReCharge starting time to begin at 10:45am, ending at 11:30am. This will permit participants to enjoy a 15-minute coffee time before the start of the program.
2. A primary goal of program changes is to encourage relationship building. Newcomers will not feel overwhelmed in participating while regular attendees will be encouraged to form close knit teams.
3. Recharge selections will continue to be guided by the Church calendar. We will continue to offer a variety of selections along with some hybrid programs. Participants prefer more Bible Studies and programs with a focus on Christian formation.
4. Length of ReCharge programs will be relative to the selected studies, short-term studies ranging from 4 to 6 weeks, long-term studies 8 weeks or more. There will also be some recurrent themes which will affect all of us at stages of life (grief, forgiveness, etc.).
5. Preferred authors for consideration are: Adam Hamilton, Max Lucado, Beth Moore.
6. *Faith In Life* (formerly Faith in The News) will continue its small group discussions on current events and their impact on our Christian lives. The group will continue to meet on a weekly basis unless notified otherwise. Alan McCurdy will continue to lead this group.
7. *Sermon Talk Back Table* will be a new offering. Pastor David will supply three or four questions from his Sunday sermons for us to contemplate. Discussions will require no prior preparation and are open to all who wish to listen and learn. These informal discussions will take place during coffee time, from 10:45am until 11:30am.
8. We will take a new marketing approach giving more exposure to our program schedule as well as a more in-depth description of the Studies being offered.
9. Upcoming studies for the period February 18th through March 20th
Pastor David: *Walking in the Wilderness: Seeking God during Lent* by Rev. Beth Richardson. Purchase books (\$10) in the Church office by February 15th.
Group 1 Sunday at 10:45am / Group 2 on Wednesday at Noon Bring Lunch (Wesley Rm)

Isie Barclay and/or Kathy Sabaini: "Spirituality of the Artistic Symbols at BMUMC – A Guided Tour" will be provided, followed by a discussion session on the meaning of the Symbols in relation to your everyday life. Time and Dates to be Announced

Faith In Life led by Alan McCurdy. Meet in the Lounge Area

Sermon Table Talk Time in the Choir Loft. Table leaders will rotate to lead the discussion.

Q & A with Bishop Dan Schwearin, Chicago Area / Northern Illinois Conference
Sunday, April 7th at 10:45am in Baker Hall. Bishop Schwearin will be our guest preacher at Sunday worship.

Upcoming Studies for the Period April 14th through May 5th

Pastor David: *What is General Conference?* A four part study on our denomination's decision-making body: representation, legislation, polarization, reconciliation.

10. Suggested ReCharge Studies Moving Forward

Haikus during Lent

14 Week Mini Discipleship workshop

Jesus at the Movies

Twelve Ordinary Men- John McArthur. This book is a fascinating account of how Jesus called, mentored and trained the disciples, pouring His life into the men around Him in a purposeful manner. They needed to be taught. Unfortunately, their shortcomings and human failings overshadowed their potential. Only the wisdom of Jesus, investing His life into them, could bring it forth.

Discover God among Butchers, Bakers and Fresh Food Makers - Margaret Feinberg. This groundbreaking book provides a culinary exploration of Scripture. Margaret asks, "How do you read these Scriptures, not as theologians, but in light of what you do every day?" Taste and See is a delicious read that includes dozens of recipes for those who, like Margaret, believe some of life's richest moments are spent savoring a meal with those you love.

On Bended Knee: Praying like Prophets, Warriors and Kings – Crickett Keeth. An 8 week Bible study for those who want to be more consistent in praying or improve their intimacy with God. The book examines the prayers of 8 biblical figures and teaches you how to pray like the prayer warriors who went before us.

The Chosen: The Chosen is the first-ever multi-season TV show (Netflix) about the life of Jesus. The Chosen allows us to see Him through the eyes of those who knew Him.

Three Simple Questions: Ruben Job brings us a new insight on how to live a Christ-like life and explores the three most basic and profound questions at the center of our faith—Who is God?, Who am I?, and Who are we together?

Raising Amazing: Monica Swenson Raise countercultural kids in the midst of a crazy world, Train your children in the biblical character qualities you value most, Find ways to help your kids navigate technology, sports, and dating, Introduce your children to a vibrant life of faith that will draw them closer to God, Cultivate strong sibling bonds and mend those that may already be struggling, Develop healthy relationships with your children that will lead to friendship for a lifetime, Encourage dads with a "note to dads" at the end of each chapter written by Monica's husband.

Please add to the list as you see fit. Thank you.