

United Methodist Men Fact Sheet

1st United Methodist Church, 443 Camden Ave, Moorestown, NJ 08057

Purpose: An open Men's group seeking God and community thru faith, fellowship, and service.

Membership: Meeting open to all Men, including sons of appropriate age.

Meetings: Regular monthly meetings on the third Sunday morning of the month from 7:45 AM to 9:00 AM from September through May. (No formal meeting in June, July or August).

Agenda as follows:

7:30 Gather in Fellowship Hall and socializing

7:45 Prayer (Volunteer in advance if not pastor), Bible verse (optional), then serve breakfast.

8:15 Announcements & preview of next month's meeting while people are finishing meal.

8:20 Clean-up and move to the Heritage Room

8:30 Introduction of speaker, presentation, and discussion (share thoughts and insights, etc.)

8:55 Debrief and closing prayer

9:00 Adjourn promptly. (Allows time to prep for 9:30 service. Those who wish can socialize.)

Format:

Fellowship Hall: Socializing, Prayer, Bible verse, Meal (hot breakfast), Announcements.

Heritage Room: Topic, Discussion, Sharing within an open group of Men.

(Open group defined as a person is welcome to attend as many or as few meetings as they wish.)

- Leader: Doug Sell Jr.

- Breakfast prep: Sign-up sheet for the year for shared responsibility to prepare a "hot" breakfast and clean-up.

- Topic: Topics should generally be faith based or be of a specialized, unique or inspirational nature and presented by a speaker. An exception may be for a study topic consisting of a book / structured videos but these should be presented by a facilitator. The intent is to allow for some discussion of the topic; e.g., How does it impact your life as a man? Can you share something with the group about the topic?

- Speaker: Sign-up sheet for the year. For shared leadership for scheduling a speaker and topic. The person obtaining the speaker will also introduce the speaker and help facilitate a discussion of the topic. Speaker and discussion should be no more than 25 minutes. (Out of respect for the speaker and the attendees the meeting should end no later than 9:00 AM.)

- Volunteer to do email reminders / administration. Suggest twice a month.

- No phone call chain. The meeting is the 3rd Sunday of the month. Set-up recurring event.

- Men are encouraged to personally invite and encourage other men to attend.

- If inclement weather, make a decision by 3:00 PM on Saturday to cancel or not.

- Retreats / Men's Conferences: Iron Sharpens Iron (Apr), Northeast Men's Retreat (late Sep)

- Unless specifically stated, information shared is public information and not confidential.

- The UMM at 1st UMC has a long tradition with hundreds of men participating over its approximately 50 year history.

Examples of Topics / Events / Service Projects:

1. Northeast Men's Retreat, Lake Champion, NY (Annually in Sept)
2. Iron Sharpens Iron Men's conference with Marlton UMC Men's group (Annually in April)
3. Eyes of Our Heart, Men's clothing donations and serving breakfast. (3rd Saturday of month)
4. Trip to Israel with 1st UMC, Bob Murray (2016)
5. Enigma machine decoder (2016)
6. Book: Seven Men and the Secrets to their Greatness by Eric Metaxas, Greg Scott (2015)
7. Birthright trip to Israel, Tamara Scott (2015)
8. Steve Emerson, Parkinson's Disease and Davis Phinney Foundation (Nov 2016)
9. Tom Kulp, 1st UMC Visioning Team (Jan 2017)

Please contact Greg Scott with any comments or suggestions.

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