

# Small Group Ministry Designed to be Heart of Church

With a new season comes the opportunity to get involved in another important ministry at Dundee - Small Groups! Director of Small Groups and Missions Keith Holmes answered some questions about small groups and why members should get involved.

**Why is it important biblically for Dundee to become a church OF Small Groups rather than a church WITH Small Groups?**

Dundee wants a strong community group ministry like the model of the early church, which met constantly, eating and studying God's word together, as well as attending worship. This was the heart of the new church – not just another program the church created. This model could withstand what the world threw at them, working alongside each other, spreading the gospel and helping those in need. It's also a way to bridge a gap between worship services, letting members meet and grow with those at a different Sunday service.

**How is a Small Group more than a Bible Study?**

We pray a Community Group will foster relationships and growth, as we work together. More than just studying the Bible, a Small Group cares for each other through good and bad times, learning from each other and serving together. We pray we'll become more accountable, with brothers and sisters in Christ concerned for us and helping us make good choices.

**Why is it important for ALL Dundee members to be part of a Community Group?**



We want people to be in community and know they are not alone in the world. It's great to see everyone lifting each other up, learning about Christ together, praying for one another, engaging in each other's lives, as well as the life of Dundee Church. We hope this ministry creates a sense of belonging that spreads beyond church walls to family, friends and neighbors so God's Kingdom grows in Omaha and worldwide.

**How does Dundee's Small Group ministry fit into its Mission ministry?**

We don't want to be believers who separate ourselves from the world, but rather go out into the world together. We'd love to see Community Groups serving together, sharing not only Christ with the lost, but also together growing their own relationship with Jesus and each other. It could be adopting a Dundee Mission partner or working with different Mission partners. Our purpose is clear: Growing in relationship with Christ and each other by giving everyone the opportunity to work together as brothers and sisters in Christ.



Small groups work together to clean up the neighborhood (left); collect supplies for the Open Door Mission (center), and participate in a golf outing with mission partners, Hope Center for Kids (right).

# Care Ministry Update

After a year when many Care Ministry activities were limited or altered because of the COVID-19 pandemic, this important ministry is heading into fall with a variety of old and new opportunities to get involved.

Blood pressure screenings will resume on Sunday, Sept. 12 from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Rev. J.D Georlett's office, and will repeat monthly on the second Sunday of the month.

An Understanding Dementia/Lunch & Learn will be presented by Dr. Anna Fisher of Hillcrest Health Services on Thursday, Aug. 26 at 11:30 a.m. in the dining room. Box lunches, available for \$5, can be reserved by contacting Paula Ashford at 402-556-6402 or ashford.paula@gmail.com.

A new DivorceCare ministry is available this fall:

- DivorceCare for adults and DivorceCare for Kids – two 13-week sessions, one for adults and one for kids, both offered from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Thursdays from Sept. 16 through Dec. 16.
- DivorceCare: Surviving the Holidays – a one-time event on Sunday, Nov. 14 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Several Grief Share offerings will continue:

- Loss of Spouse on Sunday, Aug. 22 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.
- A 13-week Grief Share fall session, which will be held Mondays from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. from Sept. 13 through Dec. 6
- Surviving the Holidays on Sunday, Nov. 7 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Tai Chi classes will be held Sept. 11 through Dec. 11 on Mondays, Fridays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the Underground.

All Care Ministry activities and classes take COVID safety protocols and recommendations into careful consideration. For more information on any of these activities or events, please contact Regina Wilson at 402-884-7787.



## *A Note from Doug Stewart*

Since joining Dundee in 2001, our family has developed many precious relationships and has grown spiritually through opportunities to learn and serve. The church family has truly been our family in Omaha, and we are deeply grateful for God's hand in our lives through all of you. As Susan and I depart for a new calling, know that we are still together as we serve under One God who is over all (Eph 4:6).

With love and appreciation,

*Doug & Susan Stewart*

Doug will become the Executive Pastor at Grace (Presbyterian) Church in Bethlehem, Pa. on August 15.



A dedication ceremony for Dundee's Abide house was held June 5. The house is located at 3802 Paxton Blvd.