

Men's Fellowship Report – 2013

The role of men often is overlooked in today's modern world. But it has never been more important – in and out of church. We need to show our men and boys there will always be a place for them in God's family. Studies show that when men become active in the church the rest of the family almost always follows. It's not a coincidence that many in our group serve as leaders, teachers and mentors in the congregation. Along with other ministries from the congregation the Men's Fellowship is now taking its turn hosting the Sunday coffee hours before and after worship. Also the group will sponsor one of the monthly Epiphany food luncheons. Other projects will surely follow.

The Men's Fellowship has been gathering monthly early on the second Saturday to share God's bounty, Word and fellowship for the past *ten* years. We've had more than 30 different men from our congregation join us at one time or another. It's not unusual for 10 or 12 to come together for our informal breakfast get-togethers. It gives us a chance to discuss whatever may be on our hearts and then take a look at what God has to say to today's Christian man through His Word. One of the attendees volunteers and prepares a devotional topic in advance for each monthly breakfast.

We have chosen not to formally affiliate with the Greater New Jersey Annual Conference United Methodist Men, preferring a more flexible structure. But we share their mission of uplifting, discipling and encouraging men in the church. We have chosen to keep things very relaxed and informal rather than adopt a particular curriculum. However, we are always open to new members and fresh ideas.

The Men's Fellowship meets the second Saturday of each month September through June at 8:00 A.M. at the Fontainbleau Diner in Piscataway. Come join us. There's always room for more!

Respectfully submitted,

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For the Men's Fellowship