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Leader / Contact info.	Day / Time	Group Name-Type	Room Assigned	Group Purpose	# Weeks
 <p>Emma Stephens Nursery Coordinator sumc-nursery@skylandumc.com</p>	<p>Sundays 9:00 AM 11:00 AM</p>	<p>Nursery Birth - 4 years</p>	<p>Nursery (Children's Wing)</p>	<p>Age-appropriate lessons that include music, games, crafts, books, snacks, and (of course) play!</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>
 <p>Jennifer Blanton Assist. Children's Director skyumckids@skylandumc.com</p>	<p>Sundays 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM after Children's Message in worship services</p>	<p>Children's Church 4 years - 2nd Grade</p>	<p>Children's Ministry Room</p>	<p>Age-appropriate Bible lessons with a theme each semester, taught and reinforced with games, activities, and crafts. Fall theme - Faithbuilders: Lessons from the Bible with Legos</p>	<p>Sept. - May; except not on Communion Sundays</p>
 <p>Patty Olbrantz pjorb@yahoo.com Erin Hykin erin.hykin@gmail.com Terry Quick quick0173@charter.net Aaron Byrd aabyrd@gmail.com</p>	<p>Sundays 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM after Children's Message in worship services</p>	<p>Bible Explorers 3rd-5th Grade</p>	<p>Aldersgate</p>	<p>Optional time for older kids to explore the Bible while building a community with their peers, using curriculum as a focus for the school year.</p>	<p>Sept. - May; except not on Communion Sundays</p>
 <p>Jim Nichols jnichol@att.net David Hultberg davehultberg@gmail.com</p>	<p>Sundays 10:00-10:45 AM</p>	<p>Wesley Way Adults</p>	<p>Wesley</p>	<p>Curriculum Wesley Bible Study Discussion on Nehemiah will begin January 11 and Ezra will follow.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>

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 <p>Rev. Joe Tarpley, Pastor jtarpley@skylandumc.com</p>	<p>Sundays 10:00-11:00 AM</p>	<p>Confirmation Class 6th grade</p>	<p>Youth Arena</p>	<p>For 6th graders (or older) who want to learn more about what it means to be a Christian and a United Methodist, with opportunity to join the church at end of classes in May.</p>	<p>Jan - May</p>
 <p>Rev. Joe Tarpley jtarpley@skylandumc.com Jaime Graeber redheadflutist@yahoo.com Jennifer Blanton skyumckids@skylandumc.com</p>	<p>Sundays 5:00-6:30 PM</p>	<p>PB & J Club K-4th grade ***** Jr. Youth 5th - 7th Grade</p>	<p>Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>K- 4th: Pint-sized Believers in Jesus Activities will include Children will get to participate in games, mission, science, cooking, Bible stories, singing, and chimes. 5th - 7th: Junior Youth Group A time for younger youth to gather and enjoy community, Bible lessons, music, and build connections with each other. (Led by Aaron & Kari Byrd)</p>	<p>Sept-May</p>
 <p>Anna Ahern Youth Director youth@skylandumc.com</p>	<p>Sundays 5:00-6:30 PM</p>	<p>Youth Group 8th-12th Grade</p>	<p>Youth Arena</p>	<p>Our weekly gathering to build community through playing games and connecting scripture to real world issues and challenges we face in our communities and in our own lives.</p>	<p>Sept-May</p>
 <p>Amelia Hodges hodgesah@gmail.com</p>	<p>Sundays 5:00-6:30 PM</p>	<p>MOMS</p>	<p>Office Chapel</p>	<p>Book studies about the Christian faith</p>	<p>Sept-May</p>
 <p>Sarah & Shane Lympany sarahlympany@gmail.com</p>	<p>Sundays 7:00-8:00 PM</p>	<p>Young Adult Small Group Adults (single or married)</p>	<p>Rotate meeting in members' homes</p>	<p>Book studies about the Christian faith</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>

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 <p>Marian Gass marianigass@gmail.com</p>	<p>Tuesdays 10:00-11:30 AM</p>	<p>Seeking Sparrows Book Study Women</p>	<p>Aldersgate</p>	<p>Ongoing study of the Bible</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>
 <p>Celeste Tolbert celeste.tolbert@gmail.com</p>	<p>Tuesdays 1:00-2:15 PM</p>	<p>Burning Heart Disciples Women's Group Intergenerational</p>	<p>Aldersgate</p>	<p>To see ourselves as God's beloved and to grow as disciples of Jesus—for our transformation, the world's good and God's glory.</p>	<p>Sept-May</p>
 <p>Paul Richards paulrichards9@outlook.com</p>	<p>Tuesdays 5:00-6:00 PM</p>	<p>A Few Good Men: Brothers in Christ / Truth Seekers Men's Group Intergenerational</p>	<p>Youth Arena</p>	<p>Purpose: study Scripture (<i>bring a Bible</i>) and have discussion, prayer, and fellowship as brother's in Christ.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>
 <p>Celeste Tolbert celeste.tolbert@gmail.com</p>	<p>Wednesdays 12:00-1:00 PM</p>	<p>Women in the Word Women's Group</p>	<p>Aldersgate</p>	<p>To see ourselves as God's beloved and to grow as disciples of Jesus—for our transformation, the world's good and God's glory.</p>	<p>Sept-May</p>

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  <p>Jackie Mangum jmangum@charter.net Eulone Sawicki esawicki61@gmail.com</p>	<p>Wednesdays 3:00-4:30 PM <i>(check with leader for capacity)</i></p>	<p>Women's Covenant Group</p>	<p>Asbury <i>(Children's Wing)</i></p>	<p>This group is for women of all ages to come together for fellowship & study: to grow our love for God & each other and to serve our church & community.</p>	<p>Sept. 24 - May</p>
 <p>Terry Quick quick0173@charter.net</p>	<p>Wednesdays 6:15-7:30 PM</p>	<p>Wednesday Book Study Men, Women, Young, Old, Married Couples, & Singles</p>	<p>Wesley</p>	<p>"Christian History Made Easy" by Timothy Paul Jones, PhD (DVD Study with Participant's Guide)</p>	<p>Sept-May</p>
 <p>Rev. Joe Tarpley Pastor jtarpley@skylandumc.com</p>	<p>Thursdays 8:15 - 8:45 AM</p>	<p>Desert Wisdom</p>	<p>Zoom</p>	<p>What we can learn from desert mothers and fathers, their wisdom, courage, integrity, their vision of God</p>	<p>Jan 8 - May 21</p>
 <p>Susan Anderson andersonsusan99@gmail.com</p>	<p>Saturdays 9:00 - 10:30 AM</p>	<p>Women at the Well Women's Group Intergenerational</p>	<p>Wesley</p>	<p>Women focused on weekly Bible or book study centered around a topic from the Bible; weekly preparatory reading</p>	<p>Sept-May</p>
Lenten Studies Leader / Contact info.	Day / Time	Group Name-Type	Room Assigned	Group Purpose	# Weeks
 <p>Rev. Joe Tarpley Pastor jtarpley@skylandumc.com</p>	<p>Saturday 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM</p>	<p>Lenten Retreat Older Youth/Adults</p>	<p>TBD</p>		<p>3/14/2026</p>