

Class Meeting Guide

Purpose of the class meeting

Why do we gather before Sunday worship?

1. **To share our Christian spirituality with each other:** Through sharing our personal experiences of risen Jesus, we find and share common spiritual meaning. "You too? Me too!"
2. **To share our individual lives in the world:** Through the reports of our individual lives in the world, we can concern for and share in each person's life of the last week, we can deeply understand each other, and we can pray for each other in love.
3. **To share fellowship** through sharing our common Christian faith and individual Christian lives and through praying for each other. This is basic Christian community. This is also the basic meeting of the original Methodist church as a small group (band meeting), the sharing of spiritual lives. This is a small church within the larger church of FUMC.
4. **To participate more fully in the holy worship service:** The class meeting is not a social gathering but a holy fellowship meeting of responding to and preparing for Sunday worship service together.

After the class meeting, we enter together into the sanctuary to worship the Lord. We worship together with the same message, the same hymns, the same scriptural reading, and the same prayers in the same time and the same place. This is holy community. This is the church.

After the worship service, we go to the world with our holy worship. On the next Sunday, we gather again in the class meeting, and we report and share our lives. Therefore, the class meeting is both before Sunday worship service and after Sunday worship service. In this it reflects Christian life because worship pervades Christian life.