

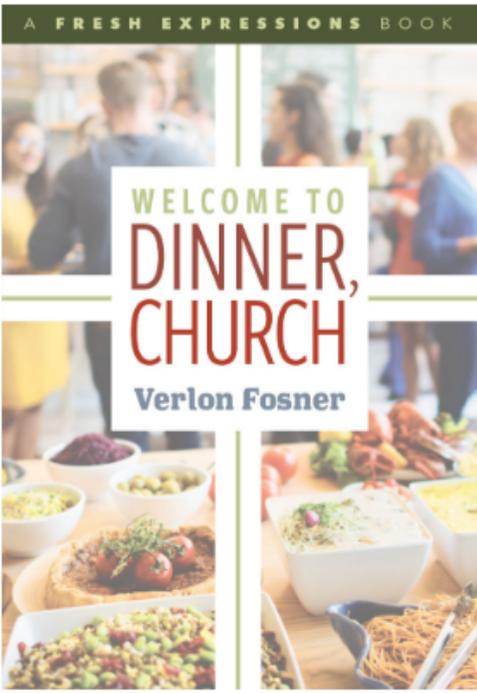
You are invited to join us in learning more about the "Dinner Church Restoration" movement as a way to share the love of Jesus with those in our community that don't know him. As you will soon learn, Dinner Church is a return to the most common method that Jesus used to meet those in need where they were and as they were. His most powerful miracles, conversations, and teachings happened during or shortly following a meal. I won't give away too much more of the punch line right now. Please join us this fall, as we take this journey together, learning, praying, and discerning just what the Holy Spirit has in store for us, and for RUMC.

Our objective would be to discern how RUMC might establish one or more of these Dinner Churches in our community. As you will see, it has been shown to be one of the most successful evangelistic efforts in the USA today. It also happens to be a model that, in my opinion, is very Wesleyan and it has the potential to integrate with and magnify many of the mission activities that we are already doing.

We will begin this study/discernment/planning in early September. It will be conducted via a Zoom call (or in a hybrid in person / zoom) setup on a Monday or Tuesday night at 7:00 pm for 8 consecutive weeks. The format will be a personal short reading in preparation for each week, followed by a video and group discussion on the call. Stay tuned for a Signup Genius link to be provided.

In the meantime, if you need summer reading, here are some resources and suggestions to familiarize yourself with the movement.

1. You may purchase and pre-read the **Welcome to Dinner Church book** by Verlon Fosner. This will be the primary source for our discussion. It looks like the picture below and here is a [LINK](#) to purchase it.



**Welcome to Dinner, Church** is a short introduction to Jesus' dinner table theology and a discussion guide for groups getting ready to plant a Dinner Church in their city.

\$9.00 [88 pages]

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If you want more information you can browse the [DinnerChurch.com website](https://www.dinnerchurch.com) - Check this out for some background while you wait on your book

This movement is being supported by our United Methodist conference as part of our Fresh Expressions and you can read more at [NGUMC](#)

Please get your book and let me know if you are interested in hearing more and if you would participate in learning more about this and if we together can help make this a reality at RUMC.

I am looking forward to having a great discussion this fall about how we make Dinner Church a reality in our community.

Chris Leiner