



Connect Directory

The Power of a **Connected** Life

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At NC4, we believe in the Power of a Connected Life! This is not just a tag line for us. This is central to who we are as a church. But what does it really mean?

When we are connected to God, we find our purpose. We find our strength. We find a way to stand firm no matter what life throws our way. And, by knowing God and hearing His voice, we come to see ourselves the way He sees us: treasured children.

When we are connected to each other, we discover that we are not alone. We discover that life is better when we have people to walk the journey with us. When we are weak, we have someone to lean on. We also discover that our lives were meant to be poured out into others' lives. We have something to give. We matter.

When we are connected to our community, we realize that we are part of a bigger picture. We realize that there are needs among us that are greater than our own. We realize that we need each other. And God has a purpose in asking and expecting us to interact with our communities up close. We realize we are more similar than we are different.

There is power in knowing that you are treasured and have a purpose. There is power in knowing you are not alone and have something to give to those around you. There is power in knowing that your communities need you...and you need your communities.

Wherever you are in your spiritual journey, we want to help you live out the abundant life Jesus promises through strong connections. This Connect Directory is a tool to help you find a way to connect to God, each other, and our shared communities. It is our hope that, as you plug in, you will come to personally know The Power of a Connected Life!

Numbers 10:29 "...come with us and we will do you good..."



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PHASE 2 GUIDELINES

NC4 Connection Points have moved into Phase 2. To review the full list of Phase 2 Guidelines, check out the COVID-19 page of our website: nc4.org/covid-19. However, for ease, we've compiled the main points below. This should help you to know what to expect when showing up for a group, class, and events.

- Group size will be limited, depending on the size of the meeting space. You'll want to register early if there is a specific Connection Point you really want to be a part of. It may fill up.
- Social distancing and masks will be expected. At the collective participants' discretion, masks can be removed when everyone is seated. Check with the leader to see what is planned.
- Expect contact-less greetings like waves or virtual high-fives. Hugs and handshakes are discouraged unless it's with someone you already regularly spend time with.
- If you are sick or have been around someone sick, it is expected that you will not attend your Connection Point until you are well and/or observe any appropriate quarantine period.
- We won't be sharing food. If you cannot imagine attending without something to munch on, check with the leader to see if there are any objections to you bringing your own snack.
- Leaders and hosts have agreed to put extra attention into cleaning and disinfecting surfaces and objects that are frequently used.
- Some groups that typically meet indoors may opt for outdoor seating for as long as the weather is nice. Check with your leader to see if this is the case.
- If you have children that you plan to bring with you, look for a Connection Point that includes other families that you and your kids already regularly interact with. Otherwise, expect to keep your children with you during the meeting time.
- If you are 65+ or have a serious underlying health condition, we strongly encourage you to consider an online option or limit your in-person interaction to people you already regularly spend time with.

Special Guidelines for Connect Events

- NC4 is currently not planning any large indoor events, other than Sunday morning services. Any planned outdoor event will be no larger than 250 participants. Depending on the space of the outdoor venue, we may impose a smaller participation limit. Please register early for any event you are interested in.
- Events will be planned to allow for social distancing. Wearing masks for all or part of the event may be required. Check with the leader to see what is planned.
- In some cases, prepackaged, single-serve food items may be incorporated into the event.
- All other guidelines outlined above remain unchanged.

Connect Groups

Coordinator: Bob Rentler

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nc4.org/connect-groups

If you are looking to make friends and grow your faith, groups are a wonderful place to do just that. They meet in a variety of locations across the Valley. Find one close to home or close to work—the choice is yours!

MACUNGIE CAMPUS

Faith Hope Love Group

Thursdays

10:00AM–11:30AM

This is an emotional support group. Currently studying a series called “Get Out of Your Head” which addresses negative thinking patterns. *This group meets in-person or online.*

Leader: Justine Sefchick
sefchick56@gmail.com

Ladies’ Bible Study Group

Tuesday Mornings

9:30–11:30AM

This fellowship, prayer, and study group is getting to know God better by studying His attributes and prayer through the Psalms. *This group meets in-person or online.*

Leader: Michele Lutzko
gardener24@ptd.net

The Mission Exchange Group

1st Tuesday Evenings

7:00PM

This group is a support group to all NC4 missionaries. It’s a place to share prayer needs, praises, and correspondence from our missionaries. We’ll find best ways to share mission info with our congregations and be an encouragement to those who serve.

Leader: Virginia Langan
hmlvml62@ptd.net

BETHLEHEM CAMPUS

Women’s Bible Study Group

2nd & 4th Saturday Mornings

9:30–11:30AM

The purpose of this women’s group is to study God’s word and to confidentially share and pray for one another. Women of all ages welcome.

Leader: Lorraine Roberts
lorraine.roberts@rcn.com

Monday Night Study Group

Monday Evenings

6:30PM–8:30PM

Studying and discussing “what we believe” using the Westminster Shorter Catechism. Their time together includes fellowship, lively discussion, and closing time of prayer.

Leader: Chris Moyer
hurricane5992@yahoo.com

Men’s Self-Defense Group

Tuesday Evenings

7:00–9:00PM

Men, 16 and up, learn self-defense based on martial arts practices. Bond as men, and deepen your walk with Jesus. Bible study follows class. Registration is required.

Leader: Brett Young and Kevin Kimmick
brettyoungleo@rcn.com

BETHLEHEM

***NEW* Watchful Christian Group**

Sunday Evenings

Experience Christ in a deeper way according to the New Testament pattern, while delving into Scriptural topics relevant to the times in which we are living, with the goal of both challenging and strengthening our faith.

Leader: Giles Baker
gilesbaker@netacc.net

20's & 30's Bible Study Group

Tuesday Evenings

7:00–8:30PM

A young adult group that seeks authentic relationship with God and others through hangouts, Bible Study, Prayer, Worship, and Evangelism, with an emphasis on living like Christ. Come at 6:30PM for early fellowship.

Leaders: Lauren Miller and Nick Cook
Contact: Lauren Miller
lmiller089@gmail.com

Moravian House II Bible Study Group

Monday Evenings

6:00–8:00PM

Bible Study, Fellowship, Prayer meeting in Moravian House. Newcomers are welcome. Contact Felicita for the address.

Leader: Felicita Rodriguez
nestarodriguez@yahoo.com

EASTON

Bright Hope (Care Net) Group

**3rd Saturday Morning Monthly
10:00AM–12:00PM**

Our purpose is to keep NC4 aware of Bright Hope ministry needs, to participate in fund raisers (i.e. Gala, 5K Walk/Run, Baby Bottles), and quarterly collect items to replenish supplies needed at Bright Hope centers. Meeting includes ministry updates, prayer, and Bible study (James).

Leader: Lois Licsko
terlincha@rcn.com

ONLINE

Mid-Week Bible Study Group

Wednesday Evenings

6:30PM

This group covers a variety of Bible study topics. Expect a deep dive into the historical context and geographic significance of the events studied.

Leader: Rex Cox
princeblackbirdcox@gmail.com

Youth Group

Wednesday Evenings

7:00–8:00PM

This group for students in 6th–12th grade will look different this winter. Weekly meetings will be held online via Zoom. Still full of fun, friends, games, and faith. Contact Bobby for Zoom details.

Leader: Bobby Nisbet
imtheniz@gmail.com

Christian Writers' Group

**Every other Thursday Evening
7:00PM**

Whether you currently write or have nursed the desire to write for years, our group will encourage you to write. Brief teachings on writing, editing, how to get published, and other relevant topics are discussed. We will support each other's projects by sharing limited pages of draft works in progress. Contact John for Google Meet information.

Leader: Jessie Ann & John Moser
j.moser@rcn.com

Coordinator: Bob Rentler

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nc4.org/serve-teams

Serve Teams

If you would like to meet new people and connect to the NC4 body as you serve, consider joining a team. Volunteer opportunities and responsibilities vary by team. Feel free to contact the team leader with any questions you may have.

BETHLEHEM CAMPUS **Worship Team**

***NEW* Phase 1 Sunday Team**

- Minimum one-time commitment
- Sunday mornings
- 1–4 days a month

This team keeps the Sunday service running while Phase 1 service guidelines are in effect. Roles include guest registration, attendance taker, restroom attendant, sanctuary host, and more.
Denise Horn: denise.horn@nc4.org

Growth Class Teaching Team

- One class commitment
- Date & time varies; avg 2-3 hrs/wk
- Minimum 6 weekly dates in a row

Do you have a passion to see others grow in their faith? Do you have a teaching gift? This team teaches different adult classes Sept–May to help others strengthen their walk with Jesus.
Cara Saliby: cara.saliby@nc4.org

Communion Set-up & Clean-up Team

- One calendar year commitment
- 2nd Sunday of each month
- 9:00AM for set up and 15 minutes for clean up after service

Prepare tables for Communion and clean up.
Sharon Gilbert: s.gilbert@nc4.org

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- Sunday mornings
- One day a month

Creating an environment for the congregation to encounter God through worship. Worship team practice is the Thursday evening before the Sunday you are scheduled to serve. Tryouts required.

Tom Horn: tom.horn@nc4.org

NC4 Kids Teaching Team

- One calendar year commitment
- Sundays, 10:45AM–11:30AM
- One month of Sundays a quarter

Prep lessons, crafts, and games to engage NC4 kids as they learn about the Bible. Teachers serve for one month of Sundays at a time, with the following two months off. Must be attending NC4 for at least 6 months, clear background checks, and go through CSAP training provided by NC4.

Pauline Ribau: plribau19@gmail.com

Audio/Visual Team

- One calendar year commitment
- Sunday mornings
- One day a month

This team operates the audio and visual equipment to allow the congregation to worship on a Sunday morning. Training will be provided.

Bill Holmes: bill.holmes@nc4.org

Kids Club Team

- One year commitment
- Wednesday evenings
- 1–4 days a month

This team runs Kids Club for kids in kindergarten–5th grade as part of NC4’s Family Nite.

Millie Moyzan: millie.moyzan@nc4.org

Building Team

- One calendar year commitment
- Sundays, 7:45AM–9:00AM & 12:00PM–12:30PM
- One day a month

Team opens and closes the building after Sunday services. Some prep to get building ready for morning services. Set up and tear down for special services as needed.

Elmer and Linda Brown:
lbrownmk83@gmail.com

Manna Ministry Team

- One-time commitment
- Serving days vary based on need

This team prepares meals for NC4 members and attendees who are hospitalized, sick, recently had a baby, etc. When a need arises, a meal request is sent to the team. Volunteers can pick the day and meal they wish to prepare.

Janna Westgate:
janna.westgate@nc4.org

NC4 Youth Staff Team

- One year commitment
- Wednesday evenings
- 1–4 days a month

This team runs Youth Group for middle school and high school students as part of NC4’s Family Nite.

Bobby Nisbet: imtheniz@gmail.com

Event Planning Team

- One year commitment
- Monthly meetings, as planned
- “Day of” participation

Team plans events for NC4 congregation that promote connecting. Looking for people that are good communicators and gatherers and have creative thinking and organizational skills.

Sarah Reese: shoffm21@gmail.com

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Family Promise Team

- Serving dates & times vary depending on role

Be a part of a team that provides a week of meals and overnight housing for homeless families once a quarter. You can make a meal, setup, tear down, socialize, and more. Some positions require training and/or clearances. Tavillia Cox: tavillia.cox@nc4.org

Ground Maintenance Team

- One calendar year commitment
- Serving dates vary
- Once a month

This team takes care of the grounds at NC4 Macungie. This includes mowing the lawn, trimming bushes, raking leaves, and more. Clean-up dates are scheduled about once a month.

James Cox: jamescox6587@gmail.com

Coordinator: Cara Saliby

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nc4.org/growth-classes

Growth Classes

If you want to be intentional about your spiritual growth, these classes are for you. They provide structured growth in an academic setting.

SPRING GROWTH CLASSES

The spring semester runs from February until May. Each class has its own schedule. For all classes, you will need to register online: nc4.org/growth-classes

Seeing with a New Lens

Thursdays 6:30-8:30PM

Runs for 6 weeks starting on 4/8

Meets Online

This photography course is for beginner level—advanced. If you're looking to make space to create, grow in your skills, and find new ways of bringing meaning to your work, this class is for you! Class content will help you get out of comfort zones, carve out weekly time for creativity, learn to be present, and see with new eyes. Each class will include a lesson, homework, and critique. Space is limited and you must pre-register. Equipment needed: Any kind of digital camera (DSLR, point-and-shoot camera, phone) and note taking device.

Led by: Laura Mounts

STARTING IN APRIL



Propel Women Classes

Tuesday Evenings

Led by: Sarah Reese



Financial Peace University Classes

Interested in hosting?

Contact Cara Saliby

Connect Events

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nc4.org/events

If you have a passion for planning or executing great events where people can connect with one another, then take a second look at the events team. You can volunteer at just one event, or be a regular part of the planning process.

CONNECT EVENTS

Connect Events are ways to allow for opportunities to connect and get to know people you may not normally interact with on a Sunday morning. However, in this crazy season of COVID-19 (where even our Sunday mornings don't look routine!), most of our events are either canceled or postponed. We still really want to be able to offer safe, socially distanced events that people can participate in this fall and truly enjoy. If you have an idea for a Connect Event or would like to assist in the planning or execution of an event, please contact Sarah Reese: shoffm21@gmail.com



Spring Fling



Women's Panel Discussions



Fall Festival



Macungie Holiday Parade

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To stay in the loop on upcoming **connect events**,
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Christian Community Church