



## 30 ON THURSDAYS

**30 On Thursdays** are 30-minute Zoom gatherings that highlight an innovative ministry, success story, or unique way of being the church. The Zoom will start with a few brief questions, followed by a few minutes of open dialogue, and end with providing contact information for any further questions. The call will be held from 9:00-9:30 AM on the following Thursdays with a unique theme each session. Use the recurring Zoom link to attend for each session shared separately with pastors in emails or contact DaleWhite@vaumc.org for the Zoom link. It may be shared with key church leaders who may have an interest in one or more of the topics. For use outside the

Valley Ridge District connection please contact Rev. Dr. Dale White at DaleWhite@vaumc.org for consent. Zoom meetings may be recorded for later use.

### All 30 on Thursdays are 9:00 am-9:30 am

OCT 31!!! **Made for Grace: Connecting to Spirit Through the Arts (substack)**: with **Melanie Reuter**, a long-time practitioner of using her hands to find her soul through art, stitching, and music. She believes deeply in the connection we have with nature and with each other. She can walk us through some of her articles at <https://substack.com/@madeforgracearts> which are innovative resources for ministry.

NOV 7!!! **First Responder Ministries**: with **Morris Fleischer**, from Newport Mt Olivet UMC will talk about his ministry TO and WITH First Responders, as well as the Blessing of the First Responders. Morris has a unique connection with the community in a myriad of ways, and this is just one example of how he and NMOUMC reach out to neighbors in love and compassion.

NOV 14!!! **Innovative Outreach Ministry**: Oftentimes, hundreds of cars and people pass our churches, clueless as to who we are and what we do inside the building. Not at Parrish Chapel!!! **Tina Yates** and her team have started a free coffee and donut ministry early in the morning as parents are taking their kids to school and people are headed to work. Tina will share how the church coordinates this ministry of connecting to the community beyond the walls of the building!!