

A COMMON SOLUTION

This meeting was started on March 9, 2010 and is now 8 months old. There are currently ten home group members. This is a closed meeting that is a step study meeting. We meet on Wednesdays from 5:30 to 6:30 at the Center

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A Common Solution Group History
Wednesdays at 5:30

This meeting started in March of 2010 as a closed step study meeting when four people (John O, Jen S, Liz B, & Larry) met at what was then Grace United Methodist, a downtown church. The Group soon moved to what was then called the Campbell Center between E. Church and E. Canal Street in downtown Williamsport. By November of 2010 there were ten home group members.

After 18 months the meeting moved to St. Ann's Catholic Church in Loyalsock. The group has a successful tradition of having an "anniversary" dinner each March, inviting an out-of-town speaker and members from other groups in the area to attend for a potluck. In 2017 St. Ann's wanted its space for other Wednesday activities, so we moved to the Trinity Episcopal Church on 4th Street in Williamsport. When Covid struck in March 2020 Trinity Church closed to outside groups. We moved to Liberty Church at 3rd and Mulberry Streets (which was still allowing meetings in person in their church) for a few meetings, but then took a group conscience and went to a Zoom only format. We met every week on Zoom only for two years.

We were on Zoom only from April of 2020 to February 23, 2022. On March 2, 2022, we returned to Liberty Church in a Hybrid Format - both on Zoom and in Person. One of our group members, John Michael, provided a good web camera with a wide view and a good microphone. The members on Zoom tell us it works well, so we plan to continue in a hybrid format, at least until the pandemic is over. We continue to be a closed step study meeting with a rotating format using the Big Book, The Twelve and Twelve and a speaker for each step. John O, one of the groups founders, is still a member of the home group.

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