

Weekly Bible Studies

Men's Bible Study

Join Rev. Dr. Robert Baggott as he discusses each week's lectionary scripture reading. These readings will be the focus of the next Sunday's sermons. The only preparation needed is to rise early and prepare to enjoy coffee and donuts!
Men's Fellowship Bible Study-Tuesdays 7:00 am in Community Hall East
And 11:00 am in The Choir Room starting in January

Women's Bible Study

All women of the church and any interested friends, are invited to attend. These studies are an opportunity to learn about sacred texts of our faith, and to let them speak to us in ways that challenge, affirm, comfort, and support. Participants enjoy learning with and from one another. As so often happens when we engage writings of such significance, we find ourselves growing together in faith and purpose as we share in study! No prior Bible study experience is necessary to join these two Women's Bible study groups. Your presence will be a valued addition.

Women's Evening Bible Study Tuesday 5:00pm
Women's Search Bible Study Wednesday 11:00am
Led by Rev. Dr. Casey Baggott, Community Hall East

The School of Christian Living

"A school that engages the whole person, intellect, passion and spirit, seeking to form a meaningful way of being Christian and putting your Christian faith into practice in the world."

Classes/Gatherings will be held Monday afternoons and Tuesday evenings from October 2018 through April 2019. You can sign up for one session or all sessions by contacting the church office 772-562-3633 or Elaine Matthes, Ministry Associate for Spiritual Formation 772-469-2309
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Fall 2018 Adult Ministry Series Program Offerings



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Program Schedule

Wednesday Oct17-Dec 12

5:00PM - 7:00PM

Program Schedule for Community @ Community

Wednesday Evening Schedule*

5:00p.m.	Dinner
5:45 p.m.	Evening Vespers
6:00 p.m.	Evening Session
7:00 p.m.	Closing

Vespers is a brief intergenerational time of singing, praying, and learning together before our evening programs begin. One does not have to be attending one of the evening sessions to join us for this time of inspiration.

Dinner each week will be provided by the Culinary Institute of the Source. This program provides food preparation training for our homeless brothers and sisters to equip them for employment in the food service industry. They have won numerous awards for the quality of their food, and provide a broad variety in their menu. Collaborating with the Source in this manner supports their important work in our community. The cost of the dinner is \$10 and reservations are required by the Monday before.

*There will be an occasional 4 p.m. session

OCTOBER 17: REMEMBER THE SABBATH

The fourth commandment urges us to “Remember the Sabbath and keep it holy.” But why would God care so much about one day of the week? And what does it mean to keep something holy? Is it enough to go to church? Rev. David Johnson leads this session that will examine some of the history and practices that go into remembering the Sabbath, and explore some disciplines to help us keep this commandment.

OCTOBER 24: PRAYER FLAGS

The ancient practice of flying prayer flags is said to go back to the early days of the Buddhist tradition. Colorful cloths were carefully sewn to twine and strung along mountain ridges and peaks in the Himalayas. On each cloth is a prayer. The belief is that as the prayers are blown by the wind the prayers bless the world. Come learn more about this tradition and how it has been adopted by different faiths, including Christianity. Make your own prayer flag to hang somewhere in your own yard and bless the world with your prayers.

OCTOBER 31: No meeting - Halloween— Enjoy your Trick and Treaters!!

NOVEMBER 7: RESTORATIVE CIRCLES

American culture takes our problems and gives them to someone else to solve! Very different from that, a Restorative Circle is a structured conversation designed so that those involved in a conflict are heard, hear others, and are able to come to a decision together about the best way to move forward. Come learn about this process and experience a Circle led by Elaine Matthes and Rev. Beverly Zell.

SAVING JESUS REDUX SERIES NOV 7- DEC12

Jesus is rightly the center of the Christian faith. But which Jesus? Is it the Jesus of our childhood Sunday School class? The Jesus of our church camp experiences? The Jesus of the TV evangelists? In this video series, progressive scholars invite us to broaden our understanding of Jesus as a Jewish rabbi who ministered and taught at a particular location and time in history. In each session we will learn from a video lecture, and then have a structured discussion of the material.

NOVEMBER 14: WHO WAS JESUS?

Rev. David Johnson will moderate this first session that introduces us to the series, and invites us to consider the many different ways that Jesus has been portrayed through the ages.

NOVEMBER 21: No meeting. Enjoy the Thanksgiving holiday

NOVEMBER 28: THE WORLD INTO WHICH JESUS WAS BORN.

To fully understand Jesus’ ministry and message, we have to understand the world in which he lived, and the people to which he was speaking. Dr. Budd Friend-Jones joins us for **TWO SESSIONS (4 p.m. and 6 p.m.)** to talk about the cultural, economic, religious, and political world of the Middle East at the time when Jesus was born.

DECEMBER 5: WHAT CAN WE KNOW ABOUT JESUS?

The gospel accounts of Jesus—fact or fiction? A “gospel” is not history and not objective biography, but a subjective picture of Jesus aimed at a particular community of believers. Far from being divine dictation of what happened—the gospels are the result of a very human effort to record the developing traditions about Jesus from the perspective of different communities. Rev. David Johnson will moderate our discussion of the various sources that purport to tell the story of Jesus.

DECEMBER 12: JESUS’ BIRTH

At the heart of Christianity is a Divinity, a Spirit, a Source of Life that we’ve come to understand as “incarnational” the shorthand word theologians use for the complex idea, of Jesus being the human expression of divinity. The message of the incarnation is that even though each of us is a clumsy mix of assumptions, prejudices, missed opportunities, and good intentions, God can have God’s way with us. The Christmas affirmation, “Emmanuel,” is rooted in the sense that the Divine is involved in our world because the Spirit is incarnate in us.