

The Bridge

Room 253 | Facilitators: Chrissy Williamson and Carrie Veal

This class is open to all, but specifically designed for youngish adults. All are welcome, no matter who you are or who you're with. Within the greater context of the whole Church, participants view themselves as the bridge between who we have been, who we are, and who we will become as a community of faith. Throughout this year, we'll study New Testament texts that help us connect -- mind, body and spirit -- with the ever-changing world around us.

Centerquest

Room 256 | Leader: Nancy Berry

Centerquest is a group of adults with mixed family status, ages and interests who discuss a variety of subjects. Class leadership is shared among members. The class occasionally gathers for social activities during the year and encourages involvement in outreach activities. Recent classes have covered material from Joseph Campbell, Karen Armstrong, Marcus Borg, John Dominic Crossan and Serene Jones. Centerquest also, at times, has experiential learning, exploring nature and creativity. Where it fits, this class uses the Centerquest model, based on the work of Carl Jung.

A Course in Miracles

Room 260 | Leader: Jim Hanley

A psychological approach to spirituality, based on the principles of "ACIM" as they relate to all-inclusive forgiveness. The focus is on coping with life's challenges and discovering paths to inner peace. (Introductory ACIM classes are available every Sunday, 9:00-9:45a, by prior appointment [j.hanley@me.com].)

Explorers

Room 255 | Organizer: Jenny Martella

The Explorers class was originally formed more than 10 years ago by a group of new members looking to form closer relationships with other MPBC members. We are proud of the diverse age group representation in our class and we learn from each other. The class hosts conversations led by group members who have committed to leading one month at a time. Recent topics have included a discussion of author Richard Rohr, meditation and the intersection of faith and daily life. Another popular source for conversations is the *Wired Word*, a weekly iteration of current events and how they relate to faith. We host a potluck dinner at member homes up to twice a year.

Faith Encounters

Room 261 | Leader: Dixie Pinson

Faith Encounters encourages questions and embraces diversity as the class explores new thoughts and ideas together. Class members embrace that they are all on a spiritual journey and the class is committed to going about it together. Rather than using one specific curriculum, members proudly say, "We are our curriculum." Weekly conversation topics are selected and led by class members. They include book studies, DVD studies, and the occasional guest speaker. This fall, class discussions will be based on a DVD study (by Dr. Amy-Jill Levine of Vanderbilt Divinity School) of the Hebrew Bible.

Fifth Dimension

Library | Leader: MaryAnn Largen

A long-standing, traditional Sunday school class where we share pastoral concerns, sing hymns, and explore Bible lessons. Teachers include the ministerial staff at this Church and other Church members who love to teach.

Life Class

Room: Coffee House |

Class Organizers: Ed Hinson & Eleanor Brawley

The Life Class is a multigenerational class that works to create an atmosphere of free discussion and sharing while studying a wide range of topics, selected by the planning team for the class. Topics include biblical texts and themes, the teachings of important theologians, religious themes found in literature and plays, discussions of local, national, and international issues and Christian responses and actions. "We believe we are on a faith journey and that we can learn from one another and from outside leaders."

Read the Bible Again for the First Time

Room 254 | Leader: Nancy Culp

Do you know where to find the story of Job or Jonah? Did you know there's a book in the Bible named Habakkuk? Is Luke a book in the Bible or a Star Wars character? Did you know the Bible has over 1000 chapters? Let's read the Bible again, perhaps for the first time, and find the answers to these and many other questions. We will engage in an overview of all 66 books of the Bible. Keep in mind, this is not biblical scholarship or a "critical examination" of scripture. This is a surface dance, a mere glance, at the book we call Holy. Join us as we open the Bible to these books, these verses, these words upon which we rest our understanding of our Christian faith. Come on, it'll be fun! Oh, and bring a Bible of your choice.

Seekers

Room 257 | Contact: Tony Dick

The Seekers are a group of individuals from a variety of religious and spiritual backgrounds that gathers to discuss topics ranging from theology to social justice to movies. We are open to the teachings and wisdoms of faith traditions both new and old, and from far and near. We enjoy a good discussion on just about any topic. Our conversations are sparked by sacred writings, literature, social commentary and other contemporary media.

Sunday Morning Yoga

Room: Cornwell Center Group Exercise | Instructor: Katie Kucich

Sunday Morning Yoga is an opportunity for adults of all ages and stages to connect with body, mind and spirit in this community of faith. Each class offers a brief time to share joys and concerns, a reading of the scripture used in worship that day and 45 minutes of yoga. No registration is required. For information about this class, contact Chrissy Williamson.

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