

The LIFE Class at MPBC Autumn 2018 Curriculum

You are invited to be part of this multigenerational class as we work to create an atmosphere of free discussion and sharing while studying a wide range of topics, ideas that come from the class and are planned by the curriculum planning team. Class leaders come from the class, the church and the community. Ideas for study include Biblical texts and themes and their relevance to our lives today, the teachings of important theologians, religious themes found in literature, discussion of local, national, and international issues and the Christian response. We believe we are on a faith journey and can learn from each other as well as from outside leaders. Social events are planned throughout the year. Join us.



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**Meeting each Sunday morning, 9:30 for coffee, 9:45 sharp for class,
in the Coffee House below Heaton Hall, unless noted.**

Drs. Ched Myers and Elaine Enns

September

- 9 FORUM HEATON HALL** with New Testament scholars **Drs. Ched Myers and Elaine Enns.**
- 16 Rev. Chrissy Williamson**, introducing our class to the church focus for the fall: *Awakening the Body*
- 23 Rev. Chrissy Williamson**, continuing discussion of *Awakening the Body*
- 30 Susan Yaguda and Dean Quick** from Oncology Support at Atrium Healthcare, discussing integrating mind, body and spirit to produce better health.



Rev. Chrissy Williamson

Susan Yaguda

Dean Quick

October

- 7 Keeping in Touch Through Our Church's Technology** led by **Jane Huddle.**
- 14 FORUM HEATON HALL** with **Rev. Dr. Eboni Marshall Turman**, our J21 Scholar from Yale Divinity School
- 21 Living Well (Joyously) Until You Die** led by **Ed Hinson**, using books *When Breath Becomes Air* by Paul Kalanithi and Abraham Verghese and *Being Mortal* by Atul Gawande
- 28 Living Well (Joyously) Until You Die** continued, **Ed Hinson** leading



Jane Huddle

Rev. Dr. Eboni Turman

Ed Hinson

November

- 4 Author Pam Kelley**, former Observer reporter, speaking about her new book *Money Rock* which recounts the story of a Charlotte cocaine dealer turned preacher and our city's ongoing struggle with divisiveness.
- 11 FORUM HEATON HALL: Awakening the Body** led by **Revs. Ben Boswell and Chrissy Williamson**
- 18 Koren Cranford** discusses the Room in the Inn (RITI) project, which provides food and shelter at our church during the winter months
- 25 Social hour and sharing, How to Cultivate Thankfulness**



Pam Kelley

Rev. Ben Boswell

Koren Cranford

December

- 3 The Soul in Our Faith – the re-emergence of embodied Christian teachings and practices** led by **Bruce Elliott**
- 9 Advent Topic** led by **Saxby and Elizabeth Chaplin**
- 16 Dr. Greg Snyder**, Professor of Religion at Davidson College, discusses *Would Jesus Celebrate Christmas?*
- 23 Excerpts from Advent sermons** given by legendary MPBC ministers, Drs. Marney and Owens, led by **Kathy Bahnson**
- 30 Holiday Break – no class meeting**

Elizabeth and Saxby Chaplin



Bruce Elliott

Dr. Greg Snyder

Kathy Bahnson

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Our fall social will be a casual outdoor potluck on Friday, October 19, at the home of Jay and Cathy Rivers. Details to follow.