

## Adult Sunday School Study Opportunities for 2019-2020

*Unless otherwise noted, Adult Sunday School classes are held from 9:45 – 10:45 a.m.*

### Adult Lectionary

#### Study: Weekly Lectionary Texts

Location: East Parlor

This class reviews the four texts from The Revised Common Lectionary, offering background information and insight that will enhance the worship experience for the day. The class is team-taught and welcomes lively discussion. *Teachers: David Smith, Robert Brawley, Tyler Momsen-Hudson, Sue Fricks, and Jerry Postema.*

### Faith and Community

#### Study: Memory Loss, Stewardship, Barmen Declaration, Immigration

Location: Watts-Hill Hall

What topics are pertinent in expressing our faith within the contemporary context of our community? How does our faith seek understanding when a loved-one is experiencing memory loss? What are the four pillars of Stewardship? Does the Barmen Declaration, forged during the rise of Nazism, speak to us still? And what should concern us with upcoming local, state and national elections? Guest presenters from the church and community will lead the class. *Teachers: Sam Miglarese (Associate Pastor), Cris Rivera, George Bernhardt, Rob Parker, Tim Verhey, Emily Wilkins, Laura McNab, Jennie Belle, and guests from the community.*

### The Thoughtful Christian Class

#### Study: Christian Doctrine (Shirley Guthrie)

Location: Education building, Room 209 (Bell Choir room)

A time of theological discussion and learning for those otherwise busy attending to family matters. *Teacher: Mindy Douglas (Pastor/Head of Staff).*

### Journeys

#### Study: Issues of Poverty and Race

Location: Church House, Room 221 (Apartment classroom)

This inter-generational class will explore issues of poverty and racial reconciliation using a variety of resources. *Teachers: Andy Henry, Eric Wiebe.*

### Lectionary Reading (Training for liturgists)

#### Study: Weekly Lectionary Texts

Location: Church House, Pastor's Study

Adults, youth and children are invited to come and learn how to make the reading of the texts interesting each week for worship. If you take the class and are interested in leading worship, you may sign up for the Sundays on which you are available. *Teacher: Steve Rimmer.*

### The Walk

#### Study: *We Make the Road by Walking*

Location: Education building, Room 205

Using Brian McLaurin's book, this class invites all who come, to walk together through an overview of the whole Bible, exploring the difference an honest, living, growing faith can make in our world today. Come make your road as a person of faith. Come walk with us! *Leaders: Mary Berry, Emily Diy, Abi Warmack.*

### Women's Spiritual Formation

#### Study: Fellowship and Prayer

Location: Basement Parlor, Room B-16

This group of women meet for sharing, mutual support, and prayer on Sunday mornings. All women are welcome! *Teacher: Susan Dunlap (Parish Associate).*

## Short-term Studies for Adults

### Membership Inquiry Classes

#### Study: *Becoming Christian* (Rowan Williams)

9:45 – 10:45 a.m. in the Wilson Parlor

Sundays, September 8, 15, 22, 2019 and February 2, 9, 16, 2020

Using Rowan Williams' book, *Being Christian*, this set of three classes reviews the basic tenets of Christianity, and the various ways members strive to live out those qualities in life and service. This class is not a requirement for membership. *Teachers: David Smith, Marilyn Hedgpeth, Sam Miglarese, Kathy Parkins (Minister of Music).*

### Who Is My Faith Neighbor?

#### Study: *Holy Envy* (Barbara Brown Taylor)

5:00 - 6:00 p.m. in the Education building, Room 205

Sundays, September 8 – November 24

This will be an experiential learning class for adults who may or may not have children or youth in programs

on Sunday nights. Using Barbara Brown Taylor's latest book, *Holy Envy*, we will read and discuss religious plurality in the Durham area, and how others express their faith. Visits are planned to the Sikh Gurudwara, Judea Reform, Ar Razzaq Masjid, and The Durham Friends Congregation. These visits will take place at various times, but our discussions will be on Sunday evenings, running September 8 – November 24. To register and get a book, contact Marilyn Hedgpeth at [m.hedgpeth@firstpres-durham.org](mailto:m.hedgpeth@firstpres-durham.org).

### **Becoming an Anti-Racist Church**

**Sundays, September 29 – December 8**

**9:45 – 10:45 a.m. in the Wilson Parlor**

Sponsored and taught by FPC's Racial Equity Task Force, this will be an eight-part mini- course on themes of racism, diversity, white privilege, and barriers to inclusivity. The core of the study will be based upon the book *Becoming an Anti-Racist Church* by Joseph Barndt. Participation is limited to 20, on a first-come, first-serve basis. *Teachers: FPC's Racial Equity Task Force members.*

### **Presbyterian Women**

**Study: Love Carved in Stone (Horizons)**

**10:30 a.m. – 12 noon in the East Parlor**

**September 9 – May 4** (first Mondays, except on holidays)

These women meet for study, fellowship, and discussion. They also support local and national mission endeavors. Women of all ages are welcome. *Facilitator: Susan Dunlap* (Parish Associate).

### **Men of Faith**

**Location: Nosh's Café on Erwin Road**

A group of men who meet year round on the last Friday of each month from 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. for breakfast and to chew the fat, check in with each other, and discuss topics of interest or current events. Men of all ages are welcome. *Facilitator: Sam Miglarese* (Associate Pastor).

### **2020 McPherson Lectureship**

**Topic: Theology and Film**

**May 3-4, 2020** (Schedule TBA)

**Location: Watts-Hill Hall, Sanctuary**

**Lecturers:** Husband-Wife Team *Catherine M. Barsotti* and *Robert K. Johnston*

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