



First United Methodist

BACK TO SUNDAY SCHOOL ARE YOU READY?

2017 FALL SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR ALL AGES START SEPTEMBER 10, 2017 (except for New Members Class which will start September 17)

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES 9:45-10:45am

DEVOTIONS, FELLOWSHIP, & CONNECTION WITH DIANA HOKE

This class will be equally split between devotional study & time to catch up & share with one another about our lives. We will begin each week by contemplating a short devotion together. We will primarily use the teachings of Father Richard Rohr, an American Franciscan priest & founder of the Center for Action & Contemplation (CAC) in Albuquerque, New Mexico, with occasional use of other texts. The second half of each class will be a time of sharing in which we get to know one another by catching up about our daily lives, & our joys & concerns. The class will serve as an invitation to go deeper in our own spiritual development as well as an opportunity to connect more deeply with others in a small group environment. This class will be welcoming for everyone. No prior devotional study is needed.

DIFFICULT TOPICS IN OUR WORLD WITH REV. JIM MORIN & CHUCK NEWTON

This class will be discussing current issues & difficult topics that test the limits of what we believe & accept as "gospel."

EVERYONE MEANS EVERYONE WITH DEBBIE GIVAN

This class will explore the topic of LGBTQ inclusiveness under FUMC's Core Value of "Welcome, Acceptance, & Support for everyone in a way that is open, respectful, & loving." Some Methodist congregations officially declare themselves to be fully inclusive of LGBTQ persons ("Reconciling Congregations"), becoming safe & trusted spaces in a volatile & violent world. We will engage this issue through devotions, Bible study, & guest speakers, with a goal of practical application in our church.

INVITATION TO DISCIPLE FAST TRACK WITH GINNY DIENHART

Are you looking for a real connection to our church and family? Twenty years ago, I felt this way. I took this risk & joined a Disciple Bible class. Talk about a transformation in my life! I maintain the dear friends I met there. I began a journey through God's Word. I learned what the Lord would have me do as a Christian. Join me this fall in a Fast Track Disciple class.

BOOK STUDY-EARNEST LEARNERS WITH JUDY GRIMMER & LISA MCTAVISH

This fall Earnest Learners will read Shalom for the Heart: Torah-Inspired Devotions for a Sacred Life by Rabbi Evan Moffic. This little book of devotions is based on the Torah & is written for a Christian audience. Why a Rabbi wrote this book? "I chose to teach Torah through a book of devotions because these words are meant for the heart. Whenever I open a book & study Torah, I feel God's presence--what some call the Holy Spirit--dwelling in me. I yearn to share that presence, & I have seen the way it can speak to people of all faiths." Rabbi Moffic

NEW MEMBERS CLASS (STARTS SEPT. 17) WITH REV. CRAIG LASUER & KAREN HULL

We invite you to participate in the New Members Class this fall. This class is for people who are interested in membership at First United Methodist Church & also for people who have recently transferred from another United Methodist Church. Whoever you are & wherever you are in your spiritual journey & your decision process about membership, you are very welcome in this class. It's an opportunity to become better acquainted with First Church & others who are on the journey of church membership & growing as disciples of Christ. It's also an opportunity to become an official member of this church & promise to support our fellowship & mission with your presence, prayers, gifts, service, & witness.

BOOK STUDY-LIVING IN CHRIST'S PRESENCE DAN HOWELL & NEIL MCTAVISH

What does it mean to live in light of God's kingdom? Offering poignant thoughts about transitioning into the presence of Christ, Willard & Ortberg reveal that eternal life begins now; how to step into the kingdom & thrive there; the importance of Christian disciplines; & more. Adapted from the Knowing Christ Today conference in 2013.

CHILDREN SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES 9:45-10:45am

**Preschool-115
Kindergarten-2nd-216
3rd & 4th Grade-212
Mid-Kids (5th & 6th grades)-210**

During 11:00am Worship Services
Worship Express: Ages 2-4th grades in 214/216

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Jr. High & Sr. High Youth meet in room 203 at 9:39am then Jr. High Youth to room 208.

See the weekly Announcements for updates!