

## SUNDAY MORNING EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL AGES

SPRING 2019: March 3 – May 26

No Sunday school March 31 & April 21

### **Making your wishes known: planning for end-of-life**

Whether you're thinking of your own passing or wondering how to start the conversation with your aging parents, this class is designed for you. The Everence end-of-life curriculum will be supplemented with materials from the Funeral Consumers Alliance and guest speakers. Topics include having difficult family conversations, leaving a legacy with property and assets, medicalized dying/making your wishes known, what happens at time of death (legal requirements in IL), what do I want to happen to my body after death. "Green" burial, cremation, and body donation will be explored as alternatives to embalming and traditional burial.

*Location: Sanctuary Facilitator: Phyllis Croisant*

### **Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery, continued –**

The Doctrine of Discovery is a philosophical and legal framework dating to the 15th century that gave Christian governments moral and legal rights to invade and seize Indigenous lands and dominate Indigenous Peoples. During the winter quarter we learned about this history and how these patterns of oppression continue to dispossess Indigenous Peoples of their lands today. The spring continuation will include these elements with a focus on "What now?" How is God leading us to seek the dismantling of the Doctrine of Discovery at FMC and in our individual lives? All are welcome, whether you attended the first quarter or are new to the subject.

*Location: Library (new); Facilitators: David Horst Lehman & Pastor Michael*

### **COFFEE AND CONVERSATION**

Take part in informal discussion of current events and faith questions. Topics for conversation change weekly and arise from within the group. All are welcome.

*Location: Downstairs in room 5*

### **KNIT AND NURTURE**

All are invited to join a supportive sharing and praying environment while knitting for charities such as Mennonite Central Committee and dishcloths for FMC food pantry services. Non-knitters are welcome, too!

*Location: Room 13 (downstairs) Facilitator: Bev Hertle*

### **YOUNG ADULTS**

Anyone who is beyond high school age and feels like a young adult is welcome. Good discussion, fellowship, support, and monthly extra events are ongoing components of the class. The group also provides nursery care during Sunday school.

*Location: Nursery (downstairs) Facilitator: Pastor Deb*

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### **TWO - THREE YEAR OLDS**

*Location: Room 6 (downstairs)*

*Teacher: Kathy Anderson, with helpers*

First Mennonite Church uses MennoMedia's curriculum, *Wee Wonder*, for two and three year-olds. *Wee Wonder* introduces young children to God through song, action rhymes, Bible stories and responsive play.

First Mennonite Church uses MennoMedia's curriculum, *Shine: Living in God's Light*, for children and middle school classes. The Shine curriculum explores important characters and themes from the Bible in a 3-year cycle. The theme this spring is "God's Good News" and features stories from the book of Luke. The emphasis is *Enough for All*.

### **FOUR YEARS – GRADE 5**

*Location: Room 10/11 (downstairs)*

*Teacher: Lesley Deem & helpers*

### **GRADES 6-8**

*Location: Room 3 (downstairs)*

*Teachers/sponsors: Dianna Black, David Schrag & Matt Yoder*

**Junior Youth Fellowship (JYF)** – Grades 6-8 also meet outside of Sunday mornings for fun activities and service opportunities.

### **GRADES 9 - 12**

*Location: Room 7 (downstairs)*

*Teachers/sponsors: Pete Shungu & Courtney Malcolm*

**Mennonite Youth Fellowship (MYF)** – Grades 9-12 also meet outside of Sunday mornings for service, learning, fellowship, and fun.