

SUNDAY MORNING EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL AGES

SUMMER 2019: June & July

No Sunday school in August

Learning to Walk in the Dark

This study focuses on Barbara Brown Taylor's book *Learning to Walk in the Dark*, which examines our ideas about and preconceptions of darkness. Taylor argues that we over-focus on "solar spirituality" and that there is much to learn from our times in the dark. She lays out a new approach she calls "lunar spirituality" which recognizes our need for darkness along with phases of waxing and waning. This new view of spirituality argues that a lack of certainty and experiences with darkness are more genuine and truer than a blinding sense of certainty. We will reach and discuss the text and our own experiences each week.

Location: Library Facilitator: Amanda Heinsman

Feasting on the Word Bible Study –

The Bible study guide, published by Westminster John Knox Press, merges ancient context, literary insight, and contemporary faith questions in a way that brings Scripture to bear on our spiritual journeys and the work of the church. Join a lively and well-informed discussion of scripture passages selected from Luke, Acts, Hebrews, and Kings.

Location: Sanctuary; Facilitator: Tom Anderson

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! The group also provides nursery care during Sunday school.

Location: Nursery (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.

Location: Room 13 (downstairs) Facilitator: Pastor Deb

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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 summer is "Living in the Land" and features stories from the kings and prophets. The emphasis is *Hearing God's Call*.

FOUR YEARS – GRADE 5

Location: Room 10/11 (downstairs)

Teacher: Lesley Deem & helpers

GRADES 6-8

Location: Room 3 (downstairs)

Teachers/sponsors: Matt Yoder & TBD

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

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