

## SUNDAY MORNING EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL AGES

FALL 2019: September 8 – November 24

*No Sunday school at FMC on September 29*

### WORDS COME ALIVE

For many, there are authors -- poets, novelists, spiritual writers, musicians, and so on -- whose writings have had a significant influence on their journeys of faith. Each week in this class, an FMCer will share excerpts from a writer who has impacted their faith and tell about what is meaningful for them. Come hear about the words and writers that have helped to inspire, challenge, and grow the faith of others. Participants will be invited to consider the authors who are important to them and will have opportunities to share these with the class, if they wish. *Location: Library Facilitator: Sheryl Dyck*

### IMMIGRATION & THE BIBLE IN CHAMPAIGN-URBANA AND BEYOND

In the midst of an international refugee crisis, violent conflict, a warming climate, scarce resources, and U.S. policies impact many of us in our own community. Guided by a Mennonite Church USA Bible study curriculum, called "Radical Hospitality," this class will explore God's concern for the immigrant in the Bible and in our local communities. Guest speakers from local organizations will complement the study.

*Location: Sanctuary Facilitators: Pam Pena Martin, Jan Sabey, Michael Crosby, Jan Kellogg Research Assistant: Mark Jaeger*

### 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*

### TWO - THREE YEAR OLDS

*Location: Room 6 (downstairs)*

*Teacher: Kathy Anderson, with helpers Megan Cox & Perry Biddle*

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.

### GRADES K-5

*Location: Room 10/11 (downstairs)*

*Teachers: Lesley Deem & Bob King, helpers Norma Nelson & TBD*

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 Fall is "Stories of God's People" and features stories of exile and return and of churches in many places.

### GRADES 7 - 12 (YOUTH)

*Location: Room 7 (downstairs)*

*Teachers/sponsors: Tammie Bouseman, Pete Shungu & Matt Yoder*

Middle School and High School Youth will combine for Sunday School this year. They will use components of the *Shine* curriculum alongside topics that arise within the group.

The youth also meet outside of Sunday mornings for service, learning, fellowship, and fun.