

Bible Study in the Conference Room	Faith Exploration in the Chapel
<p>Sept 12, 19, 26, Oct 3, 10 – 5 weeks Art and Soul With Dori Clough and Pat Gilbride In this class, we will explore God’s power through scripture and creative arts. The God who creates and calms storms and raises the dead is the same God who transforms lives. Whether your faith is “in a storm” or “in calm waters,” this will be a different kind of class as we attempt to appreciate the wonder of God!</p>	<p>Sept 12, 19, 26, Oct 3 - 4 weeks General Assembly and You With Pastor Trent Hancock Even if you didn’t have the opportunity to attend Trent’s pre-General Assembly classes in the spring, don’t miss this discussion of key issues in our denomination. Trent was a commissioner, representing the Presbytery of Philadelphia, and we are fortunate to have this report from one who was there.</p>
<p>Oct 17, 24, 31, Nov 7, 14, 21 – 6 weeks Nurturing Faith in Children and Teens With Katy Yates Brungraber, Barb Christel, and Dan Jones In response to requests from parents who wanted support in helping their children and teens grow in faith, Educational Ministry Council presents this opportunity to learn the importance of early routines of faith, inviting tough questions, and nurturing faith.</p>	<p>Oct 10, 17, 24, 31 – 4 weeks – Room 222 Stewardship Like You’ve Never Seen It! With Ida Rosenau, Sharon Smith and Paul Clough We often hear of stewardship of time, talent and tithe. Join our youth in High School Seminar for an intergenerational class about this challenging topic. More than lecture and discussion. It’s an experiment.</p>
<p>Nov 28, Dec 5, 12, 19 – 4 weeks Light Will Shine With Gail Hunger and Beth DiTulio Make this Advent more meaningful with this Bible Study about expectation. What does it mean that “God is with us?” What did the Israelites want Emmanuel to do? How does the church participate in God’s work in the world through the birth and ministry of Jesus? Special focus on Isaiah and Luke.</p>	<p>Nov 7, 14, 21, 28, Dec 5, 12, 19 – 7 weeks Officer Training for Deacons and Elders With Pastors Ron Rosenau and Trent Hancock This training has become a valuable standard in the preparation of those called to serve as Deacons and Elders. All <i>new</i> officers (being ordained in January) are expected to attend. Other elders and deacons – whether currently participating on church boards or not, are welcome, to better serve “in perpetuity.”</p>
<p>There is No Education for All on December 26 or January 2 – Please worship with family and friends.</p>	
<p>Jan 9, 16, 23, 30 – 4 weeks The Caregiving Years – A Sacred Journey With Woody Sheetz-Willard and Barbara Carr This is a course for past, present, and future caregivers. Focus will be on the stages, stressors, self-and-other-care strategies, and spirit of providing care for a loved one. It takes a community to support an adult as they move toward the fulfillment of life. Become a more informed, intentional, and inspired caretaker for the one love in life-giving ways. <i>[The Rev. Woody Sheetz-Willard, M.Div., M.S., S.T.M., is the Heartland Hospice Spiritual Care and Bereavement Coordinator.]</i></p>	<p>Jan 9, 16, 23, 30 – 4 weeks Social Justice in Small Steps With Ken Junkins and Pastor Trent Hancock God has a heart for justice, bourn out of love. Using the <i>Social Justice Handbook: Small Steps for a Better World</i> by Mae Elise Cannon, we will try to define social justice, look at the history of Christian social justice in America, and consider what it takes to move from apathy to advocacy. Don’t let certain radio talk show hosts fool you – social justice definitely is something Presbyterians support.</p>
<p>Feb 6, 13, 20, 27, Mar 6, 13, 20, 27 – 8 weeks Listening to Scripture With Ruth Workman and Pastor Trent Hancock Have you ever felt that you just don’t “get” how to read the Bible? Do you start at the beginning? Do you skip over “begat” parts and temple construction? Do you miss something if you only read the New Testament? Learn strategies for interpreting the Bible: literary context, historical setting, intended audience, investigating words and phrases. A great class for parents and teachers.</p>	<p>Feb 6, 13, 20, 27, Mar 6, 13, 20, 27 – 8 weeks The Faith We Sing With Ron Rosenau During this “crash course” in hymnology, we’ll attempt to answer: What makes a hymn a hymn? What makes a good hymn? Where did my favorite hymn go? Why have they changed the words? How did certain hymns come to be written? We’ll sing, talk about our favorite and not-so-favorite hymns, and try our best to answer any of your questions.</p>
<p>Apr 3, 10, 17, May 1, 8, 15, 22 – 7 weeks Commandments for a Blessed Life With Carol Carpenter and Drew Hunger We often think of the ten commandments as God’s law. But they also are God’s instruction – God’s word to us. We’ll explore the pattern of living in relationship with God and living in relationship with our neighbor. This class is sure to make you think in a new way: consider the commandments as God’s gift to God’s people.</p>	<p>Apr 3, 10, 17, May 1, 8, 15, 22 – 7 weeks Heaven or...: Christian Beliefs about Life and Death With Pastor Trent Hancock Easter will be all the more meaningful with this exciting exploration of Christian thought. Do you believe that at death we go directly to God? Will bodies be resurrected? Could a loving God really mean for non-believers to spend eternity in hell? You won’t want to miss this dynamic discussion.</p>
<p>There is no Education for All on April 24 – Christ is Risen!</p>	

FOR NEW MEMBERS

Presbyterian Pathways

Ongoing 4-week classes beginning Oct 3 and Feb 13
Lunch seminars – Oct 31, Dec 5, Mar 13, May 22

This four-week course invites any visitor to our church to start learning more about the Presbyterian Church (USA). Classes include:

- “I Believe—Professing Faith in Jesus Christ”
- “We Believe—Introduction to Presbyterian Beliefs”
- “Decently and in Order—Introduction to Presbyterian Polity”
- “Faithful Members—Responsibilities and Privileges of Membership.”

Upon attending all four classes – or upon attending a Sunday afternoon lunch seminar in which all four classes are covered at one time – visitors may request to join the church and attend the next meeting of Session. This class is a great refresher for those who were confirmed decades ago, or for those who have questions about Presbyterianism. MPC members are welcome as well.

SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL OFFERINGS

Brown Bag Bible Study

Wednesdays at noon

Held weekly in the Conference Room, this class is open to everyone. Pastors Ron Rosenau and Trent Hancock trade off leading weekly discussions, verse by verse and chapter by chapter. Starting September 8, the topic is Matthew. Come as you are – from the garden, tennis court, or office – bring a bag lunch, and spend a great hour in God’s Word.

Seekers

Third Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m.

Seekers is an open group that meets in Room 120 (wheelchair accessible), currently under the guidance of rotating leadership. All are welcome. Come meet women who prayerfully discuss what it means to live Christian lives faithfully.

Lenten Series

Thursdays in Lent at 1:30 p.m.

Have you always wanted to set apart extra time for God in Lent but never quite managed to do it? During this devotional class, DCE Katy Yates Brungraber will walk with us through six weeks of prayer, meditation, and scriptural study. All are invited to enter a period of reflection and discernment. Together we’ll slow down, dwell in God’s Word, and grow in discipleship and faith.



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For more information about Adult Education at MPC, contact Katy Yates Brungraber:
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Come join us!

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Ron Rosenau
Trent Hancock
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