

THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY—ROOM 124

This ecumenical study group is open to Christians of all denominations who seek to deepen their knowledge of scripture by reading through individual books of the Bible together. Classes are held from 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Contact: Curtis and Darlis Fouts, 215-679-2847

THE BOOK LOVERS GROUP—ROOM 220

"This was such a great book. I wish I had somebody to discuss it with."

Now you do! Whether you want to keep up with current bestsellers or return to some of the classics, this group provides an opportunity to share insights with other book lovers in a relaxed setting. Classes take place on the fourth Tuesday of the month, from 7:30-9:00 p.m.

Contact: Lois Lovis, 610-965-2904

Other Weekday Groups

Second Monday at 2:00 p.m.

Monday Afternoon Book Group - Room 115

Third Monday at 7:30 p.m.

Book Fellowship I - homes of members

Fourth Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.

Book Fellowship II - Room 220

Wednesdays at 7:30 a.m.

Men's Bible Study - Room 124

Thursdays at 7:30 p.m.

Men's Bible Study - Room 217



For more information about our Adult Spiritual Formation Ministry at First Presbyterian Church, please contact us at 610-395-3781.

ADULT SPIRITUAL FORMATION At First Presbyterian Church

...to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. Ephesians 4:12-13

The purpose of Adult Spiritual Formation at First Presbyterian Church is to strengthen discipleship. We seek to motivate and prepare adults to serve their families, church, community, and world in the name of Christ. We provide a variety of educational opportunities within an open and nurturing environment where searching is encouraged.

There are opportunities on Sunday and throughout the week for a wide range of studies. We offer courses in: the Bible, relating faith and Christian teachings to current issues, and developing skills for Christian living.

For occasional additions and changes to the Adult Spiritual Formation Schedule, please view our church's weekly newsletter, *Tidings*, or look for updates at www.fpcallentown.org.



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ADULT SPIRITUAL FORMATION



SUNDAY MORNING CLASSES

9:45 - 10:45 a.m.

Please note that all classes happily welcome newcomers on a week-to-week "drop-in" basis.

ADULT SEMINARS - FELLOWSHIP HALL

These courses cover a wide variety of topics, from the Bible to discussions of family life and relationships, current social issues, and theology and church history. Classes are taught by experts in their fields, drawn both from our congregation and from area colleges and universities.

This year's seminars will feature such offerings as: "The Poetry of the Song of Songs", "Introducing the Missional Church", "The Advocates Dilemma", "Dust to Dust", "Refugee Resettlement", "The Religion of Plain People".

Contact: Rev. Tony Sundermeier,
tony.sundermeier@fpcallentown.org

BIBLE DISCOVERY - ROOM 124

"The word of God is living and active" (Hebrews 4:12), and it's a continuing challenge to discern how God continues to speak to us through scripture today. The Bible Discovery group uses *The Present Word*, published quarterly by the Presbyterian Church (USA), as a means of meeting this challenge. You are invited to join us for a spirited discussion of biblical themes in light of the challenges and events of our day. Come visit us with no obligation on your part. You will be welcomed!

Contact: Gloria McGilloway, 610-349-6045

FRANK M. TREXLER BIBLE CLASS - WITHERSPOON ROOM

A long-standing (more than 50 years!) tradition at First Presbyterian Church, this class combines prayer, fellowship, song and study, as participants grow in their understanding and appreciation of God's will for us today.

Contact: Tom Ritter, 610-398-3626

PRESBY PERK - COMMONS

This informal coffee-house style gathering, led by Pam Weiss, offers an opportunity to talk about what's brewing in our faith and life. Discussions are widespread and cover a multitude of topics according to the interests of the group. We talk about what we believe as Christians and how we put what we believe into practice at work, at home, and in society. Come share quality time with old and new friends over a cup of coffee or tea.

Contact: Pam Weiss, 610-434-2637

EXPLORING THE NEW TESTAMENT - ROOM 217

This year, the class will be studying the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. No previous knowledge is required. If you've been meaning to read the Bible and could benefit from the insight and encouragement of others to keep you on track, this is the class for you. Newcomers welcome.

Contact: Mike Loomis, 610-398-1366

WEEKDAY OPPORTUNITIES

THEOLOGY THURSDAYS - CHAPEL

Our Theologian in Residence, Dr. John Franke, will be offering courses in the Fall, Winter, and Spring on Thursday evenings. Covering a wide variety of topics, Theology Thursdays will strengthen, challenge, and equip us to think theologically about the Gospel, the church, and the world. The first seminar (Manifold Witness: The Plurality of Truth) will begin October 7 and run through November 11 from 7:00-8:15 PM at FPCA. Childcare is available upon request.

To sign up, email Lyndsey Slye,
lyndsey.slye@fpcallentown.org

Contact: Dr. John Franke,
610-395-3781; john.franke@fpcallentown.org

RETIRED PERSONS' BIBLE STUDY - CHAPEL

Beginning this Fall, Revs. Tony Sundermeier and Mike Drake will lead a mid-week Bible Study for those who are retired or semi-retired. We will be studying the book of Romans for the Fall 2010. Gathering times will be Wednesdays, 10:00-11:30 a.m. beginning September 15 through December 22 with no session the Wednesday before Thanksgiving (November 24).

Sign up by calling the church office or email

Lyndsey Slye, lyndsey.slye@fpcallentown.org.

Contact: Rev. Tony Sundermeier and

Rev. Dr. Mike Drake 610-395-3781;

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WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY—ROOM 115

"Gospels of Jesus Christ-

Those which made it into our Bible and Those that Didn't! We will be focusing on some of the Gnostic Gospels, such as portions of ... the Gospel of Thomas, Gospel of Truth, Gospel of the Egyptians, Gospel of Mary of Magdela, Gospel of Philip, Gospel of Judas, etc. ... AND Comparing them to sections of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. Class begins Friday, September 10th- but you can join anytime. No classes on Nov 26th, Dec 17th & 31st. We will meet from 9:15 for until 11:30am. WHAT TO BRING: An open mind and heart, and if you wish, a Bible. Do not worry about the Gnostic texts. We will be distributing copies of those and other materials in class.

Child care is available with advanced request.

Contact: Marijo Taylor, 610-965-9181 and
Pam Weiss, 610-434-2637