

## Fall 2017

### ***Origins Series***

How did we arrive at the faith we have? Why do Presbyterians believe what we believe? What do you believe? 2017 marks the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation. Our fall classes will involve guests and our very own Northridge members who will explore the origins of our faith as Christians, and particularly as Presbyterians.

<b>September 10</b>	Sandy Kress – Psalms and our monotheistic origins (meet in Quillin Hall)
<b>September 17</b>	Sandy Kress – Psalms and our monotheistic origins (meet in the Sanctuary)
<b>September 24</b>	John Williams – Being Presbyterian Right Here & Right Now (Quillin Hall)
<b>October 1</b>	John Williams – Being Presbyterian Right Here & Right Now
<b>October 8</b>	Who is Jesus according to Scripture?
<b>October 15</b>	Jesus according to the early church?
<b>October 22</b>	What does it mean to follow Christ?
<b>October 29</b>	Blair Monie: The Great Requirement –Micah 6:8
<b>November 5</b>	Reformation series taught by Bryan & Lee Jones
<b>November 12</b>	Reformation series taught by Bryan & Lee Jones
<b>November 19</b>	Reformation series taught by Peter Bratt& Rob Taylor
<b>November 26</b>	Reformation series taught by Peter Bratt& Rob Taylor
<b>December 3, 10&amp;17</b>	Waiting for Christ in Advent taught by Pastors Ben & Susan

### ***Book Study Sunday mornings 9:35am-10:30am in the Parlor***

***Falling Upward***, by Richard Rohr.

Led by Barbara Rader and Ray Chavez over 6 weeks, starting Sunday, September 24 -October 29.

In *Falling Upward*, Father Richard Rohr seeks to help readers understand the tasks of the two halves of life and show them that those who have fallen, failed, or “gone down” are the only ones who understand “up.” Most of us tend to think of the second half of life as largely about getting old, dealing with health issues, and letting go of life, but the whole thesis of this book is exactly the opposite. What looks like falling down can largely be experienced as “falling upward.” In fact, it is not a loss but somehow actually a gain, as we have all seen with elders who have come to their fullness.

Look for the table in the narthex to sign up for this group.  
Or, email Associate Pastor, Susan Sytsma Bratt to sign up.  
Books will be available for check out or purchase.

### **First Wednesdays Dinner & Spiritual Formation**

Join us on the First Wednesday of each month starting in October from 6pm-7pm for a simple supper and intergenerational faith formation. Save the dates of: October 4, November 1, and December 6.

## Weekly Small Group Offerings

**BIBLE STUDY, led by Pastors Ben Dorr and Susan Sytsma Bratt**  
**Tuesday mornings at 7:30 am in the Parlor**

Join your pastors for a weekly Bible Study. No previous Bible knowledge required, just a willingness to study the text. Drop in or leave early. We'll have coffee, and should wrap up by 9am so that you can get to work.

### **JOYFUL NOISE**

**Monday afternoons at 1:30pm - Off site (contact church office for address)**

Join in community for prayer, hymn singing and fellowship.

## Monthly Small Groups

### **Presbyterian Women Bible Studies**

- **Night Owl Women** meets the first Tuesday of each month at 6:15 for a light supper and Bible Study in members' homes.
- **Morning Circle** meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 10am in the Parlor for Bible Study, fun, food and fellowship.

### **NOAH: Northridge Older Adult Happenings**

This group meets on the second Thursday of each month starting at 10:30 am. Read the newsletter to learn of the guest and topic for each month.

### **Re:Connect Young Adult Group**

This group is for young adults age 18 and up. They will meet on the first and third Thursday of each month starting at 6:30pm at various restaurants and venues. See the website, facebook page, and newsletter for monthly details.

### **POLO: Parents of Little Ones**

This play group is for children infant-preschool and their parents. We meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month from 9 - 10:30 AM. We gather in the nursery for a short Bible Story and activity, and then free play and fellowship.