

2019 Sunday Morning Adult Education Opportunities

Presbyterian Controversies and Splits

January 6, 13, 20, 27

Taught by Peter Bratt - Sanctuary

We know from Scripture that where two or three are gathered God is present. We know from church history that where there are two or three Presbyterians you have schism and a new Presbyterian branch. Why have Presbyterians split? What tears us apart, and what brings us together?

The Wired Word

January 6 – February 10, 9:40 – 10:30 a.m.

Facilitated by Tony Cummins, Mary & Mike Marcotte

Location: January 6-20: Deatherage Home - 6718 Avalon, Dallas 75214

January 27-February 10: Matney Home - 6951 MerriLee Lane

Are you looking for something new and fresh in a Sunday School class? Do you sometimes wonder how a book written over 2,500 years ago applies to our modern-day world? Do you enjoy discussion over lectures? The Wired Word class connects current events to appropriate Scripture with a new topic of interest each week.

This is a drop in class. No need to read or prepare, but simply come for a time of lively discussion connection our faith to the world around us.

Crusades and Inquisition

February 3, 10, 17, 24

Taught by Rob Taylor - Sanctuary

These classes will explore how the Crusades and the Inquisition each came about, their religious and sociological effects at the time and thereafter and some of the noteworthy characters involved in each.

Lent 2019

Join our Lenten book study group for a four week study during Lent.

Book: The Sacred Journey by Frederick Buechner

Thursdays March 7, 14, 21 & 28 - 7pm-8pm

Leaders: Bill Swart & Associate Pastor Susan Sytsma Bratt

Hosts: Home of Lee & Bryan Jones - 4502 Santa Barbara, 75214

Understanding God in the Hebrew Bible**March 3, 10, 17****Taught by Sandy Kress**

Many students of the Bible encounter language in the Old Testament (and if they're looking closely, the New Testament as well) that is troublesome. We see a God who appears vengeful and/or angry and cruel. We also see characterizations of practices conducted by people in the name of God that don't square with our understanding of the nature of the God we worship.

We'll explore a variety of questions in these sessions:

Where and why do we confront language about God that troubles us? Would our understanding of the different ways it was interpreted centuries ago and now help us? Is it possible also that the Bible warns us in sharper language than we like about problems we would just as soon ignore?

Why do we allow a few verses that are rather harsh overwhelmingly shape our view of the God of the Hebrew Bible even though the vast majority of its verses describe a God who is loving and merciful? And why do we perceive the NT as so much softer when there are rather harsh verses there, too?

Can intelligent and loving people of both faith traditions come to some common ground on these issues?

March-April: In life & In Death**March 24-April 14**

This series will look at end of life questions, how we might support and care for loved ones, and how we might get our affairs in order. We will hear from guests as well as the Pastoral Staff about how to plan a Memorial Service.

March 24: The Conversation Project – Valerie Sanchez guest from Faith & Grief will take us through this tool which can help one to plan for the end of life.

March 31: Maintaining Connections: How to Talk to Loved Ones: this session is geared toward those who have loved ones with dementia and Alzheimer's.

April 7: Pastor Bob Heppenstall planning your memorial service part 1.

April 14: Pastor Bob Heppenstall planning your memorial service part 2.