

## SUNDAY MORNING EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL AGES

Fall 2017: September 10 – November 26

No Sunday school October 29

### MEDITATING ON SCRIPTURE

Experience a range of Scripture meditation practices along the lines of *Lectio Divina* and *Dwelling on the Word*. Scripture passages, facilitators, and styles of reflection will be new each week. The class is an opportunity to learn new ways of reading Scripture and to practice meditative reading together as a group. It is open those new to meditative reading and those with experience.

Location: Library Facilitators: Rotating

### PROPHETS 'PUNCHING UP': SHALOM AND THE ACTIVE STRUGGLE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE

What is the Bible's message regarding active opposition to injustice and the struggle for social justice? Through Perry B. Yoder's *Shalom: The Bible's Word for Salvation, Justice, & Peace*, we will explore shalom-making as basic to God's will, and to our actions toward transforming violent and oppressive structures. Copies of the book will be available. There is a suggested donation of \$20 to cover the cost of the book.

Location: Sanctuary Facilitator: Laura Brenneman & David Schrag

### 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) Facilitators: Clark & Cindy Breeze

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First Mennonite Church uses MennoMedia's curriculum, *Shine: Living in God's Light*, for children's classes. The Shine curriculum explores important characters and themes from the Bible in a 3-year cycle. The theme this fall is "Being God's People", featuring stories from Genesis and the early church.

### PRE-K/KINDERGARTEN (AGES 2 – 6 YEARS):

Location: Room 6 (downstairs)

Teacher: Kathy Anderson Helpers: Megan Cox & Mary Hines

### GRADES 2-6

Location: Room 10/11 (downstairs)

Teacher: Lynne Sancken Helpers: Abby Crosby & Kathy Springer

### GRADES 5-8

Location: Room 3 (downstairs)

The class will continue exploring major world religions with an introduction to Islam.

Teacher: Phil Martens Helper: Dianna Black

### GRADES 9 - 12

Location: Room 7 (downstairs)

Guided by the book *God's Story, Our Story: Exploring Christian Faith and Life*, high schoolers will explore how their lives fit within the broad arcs of the Bible's story. Together, we will connect old stories to the challenge and joy of following Jesus today.

Teacher: Michael Crosby Helpers: Amanda Heinsman, Michelle & Rudy Moyer-Litwiller

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**Junior Youth Fellowship (JYF)** – Grades 6-8 meet outside of Sunday mornings once per month for fun activities and service opportunities. Sponsors: Dianna Black & Dan Schreiber

**Mennonite Youth Fellowship (MYF)** – Grades 9-12 meet outside of Sunday mornings at least once per month for service, learning, fellowship, and fun. Sponsors: Amanda Heinsman, Michelle & Rudy Moyer-Litwiller